

# Autumn Forecast

# Year 1

Dear parents, Welcome back! We hope you have had an enjoyable summer with your children. We are so pleased with how quickly they have all settled into their new routine in Year 1.

## English

All children will have daily Literacy lessons. Some groups work with the teacher on a focused activity whilst others work independently. We will look at both fiction and non-fiction genres of writing. Children will be doing animal descriptions, drawing & labelling, instructions for making party food, a recount of our nature trip and story writing.

## Phonics

We have daily phonics sessions, in which children focus on sound recognition in reading and spelling using the Letters & Sounds and Ruth Miskin programmes. One of the main focus areas for this term will be revising groups of letter sounds e.g. ng, ee and ai. In addition the children will be focussing on recognising and writing keywords which are difficult to sound out phonetically called 'high frequency words' e.g. the, we, my and into.

Phonics screening Check (National programme) takes place during the Summer term for all children in Year 1.

## Reading

Reading takes place during literacy lessons, guided reading sessions and throughout the curriculum. Your child will be given a reading book, reading record library book (that you can share with them) and a bookmark to take home. Please sign and comment on your child's reading. When reading we focus on comprehension skills as well as reading skills. Please continue to bring in your child's bookbag in everyday.

## Maths

This term there will be a focus on counting groups of objects, finding one more and one less, ordering number, writing numbers, using the number line and learning number bonds to 10. Children will also cover the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and measuring & comparing length and height.

## Science

In Science children will be learning about a selection of common plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. They will also learn about the main parts of plants and trees, such as roots, stems, trunks and leaves. The children will also investigate and name a variety of common animals, including mammals, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians.

### **Creative Curriculum**

If you go down to the woods today, you're sure of a BIG surprise! Foxes and badgers, voles and mice, beady-eyed owls in the swaying tree tops. Beneath the leaves are tiny footprints....animal or imp? You decide....Our first topic is enchanted woodland. The children will be completing lots of work based on a well loved book 'The Gruffalo'.



The children will then move onto the topic 'Bright Lights, Big City' in which the children will learn about London and the Great Fire of London.



### **PSHE**

We have started the year by setting into our new class, establishing rules and routines, getting to know one another and learning how to work and play in a harmonious way. We will now focus on feeling positive about ourselves and taking care of our environment.

## **RE**

In RE we will be focussing on Judaism. We will be looking at how Jewish people live and compare this to how Christians live. We will also be looking at Jewish artefacts, symbols and beliefs.

## **ICT**

In ICT we will be doing basic ICT skills and focus on the painting program. We will also be introducing and using Mathletics & Reading Eggs as part of our curriculum.

## **PE**

PE lessons will be on a Tuesday. Please remember that children have to wear their full PE uniform to school. In addition to this, children should also wear a coat if the weather is cold. This half term, we will focus on dancing and then move on to games. Year 1 will also participate in a African dance workshop at school. Further details to follow.

Unfortunately there will be NO swimming for Year 1 until further notice.

## **Workshops**

22nd September - Gruffalo workshop in the school hall

29th September - African Gum Boot workshop in the school hall (details to follow)

## **Routine**

Monday (Mrs DeVilliers) – Bring spelling book back to school and spelling test

Tuesday (Mrs DeVilliers) – PE

Wednesday (Mrs DeVilliers)

Thursday (Mrs Woolley) – Hand completed homework in, online (you will be notified when we start setting the homework).

Friday (Mrs Woolley) - New homework to be set online

Please check your child's book bag for a Year 1 learning pack. This includes:-

- Top tips for supporting your child's writing.
- Letter formation sheet
- High frequency words which your child will have to learn to read and write during Year 1.
- Phase 3 - 5 sound mats
- A number line and a 100 square.

Please do use these resources when supporting your child at home.

Please don't hesitate to come and see us either before or after school if you have any questions.

Mrs De Villiers and Mrs Woolley

