



Autumn 2021 2nd Half Term - Year 1

Welcome back after what was hopefully an enjoyable and restful half term break. The first half term went by in the blink of an eye and we are sure that this half term will be no different!

The children are very settled in their new classes and are always busy during the days. They have taken the transition from Reception in their stride so well. They have showed a real interest in all of our learning and it has been lovely to see how happy they all are when they are engaged in their learning.

English

- ★ **The Gunpowder Plot:** We will be basing our English work this term on a story based on The Gunpowder Plot which we are sure that the children are going to enjoy. The focus will be on beginning to write well-structured sentences including capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. This is very important as it provides the children with the building blocks for extended writing in the future.
- ★ **Reading:** We will continue to read with the children during each week this term. A reminder that weekly reading for Year 1 children is the Letterland Phonics Readers which you will find by logging onto Letterland. Your child's class teacher will continue to indicate which story they are reading in their home school book.
- ★ **Phonics:** Last term we focussed on recapping single sounds through the teaching of blends such as bl, sp, gr. This term we will continue to teach the children new weekly sounds including the split e sounds and moving onto y making the l and e sound in words. We will still have a big focus on reading words during phonics lessons.

Maths

- ★ **Shape:** When we have finished learning addition and subtraction the children will spend some time learning shapes. We will recap the 2-d shape names and will introduce the children to 3-d shapes as well. They will look at sorting the shapes based on their properties. The children will also look at making patterns with shapes.
- ★ **Place Value to 20:** We will finish the term with another unit on place value; this time extending the children's number knowledge to 20. We have found that the children are secure in their knowledge of numbers to 10 and that they have good mental maths abilities with these numbers as well.
- ★ **Number bonds:** The children are practising number bonds every week at school and have been starting to do weekly quizzes in order to improve their rapid recall of these number facts.

Topic

The Gunpowder Plot

- ★ **History:** This term we will be consolidating our previous learning about The Gunpowder Plot through the story book that we are using in English. The children will gain a deeper understanding around the reasons behind the plot as well as the fact that the men involved were executed. We will cover this in a way that is not scary for the children and feel that this is an important aspect of history.
- ★ **Science:** This term the children will be learning about weather and seasonal changes. We will look at how day to day weather changes over the seasons. We will also be looking at shadows and observing how they change depending on the time of day. The children will look at weather forecasts and will have a go at trying to create their own!

Team Enchantment reminders for this half term

- ★ Please ensure that your children comes to school each day with a named school water bottle.
- ★ Please could all families collect up toilet roll tubes and small/medium sized boxes (e.g. selection box cereal boxes/normal sized cereal boxes.) We will need these for DT week at the end of November.
- ★ As we move into winter all children are expected to have a warm, waterproof coat with them in school every day.
- ★ Please ensure that all uniform and any additional clothing (such as hats and gloves) is clearly named.
- ★ PE days will be as follows:

PE days: Hazel: Monday and Wednesday **Alder:** Monday and Wednesday **Chestnut:** Monday and Tuesday

Many thanks for your support

Miss Wright (Team Leader), Miss Browne, Miss Wells and Miss Kearley