

Winkleigh Primary School

Year 1 – Autumn Term Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back into the school for the Autumn Term. We will be holding our Year 1 welcome meeting in the Year 1 classroom on Tuesday 13th September at 3.30- 4.00pm, we look forward to seeing as many of you who can make it.

The beginning and end of the day procedures consists of the gates opening for all children at 8:45 before closing at 8:55. The children will come in through the gate and line up on the playground ready to be collected by Year 6 children and taken to their classroom. At the end of day, all children who are being collected from school (who are not on the bus) will leave school by the gate at 3:30. There are no longer staggered finishing times for KS1 and KS2 siblings.

We will begin our English sequence for this term learning about Dolly Parton- as part of Inspirational People. We will then move to Oi Frog, Transport, A dog's day and finishing off with instructional writing.

In Maths, there will be a heavy focus on number bonds to 10, adding and subtracting numbers within 10 and also looking at simple properties of shapes. Any counting or using numbers in context reinforces what the children are beginning to understand. Counting steps, eggs, trees, lamp posts anything to encourage language of number and correspondence to what that number means is fantastic. Looking at numbers around the house, on clocks, weight, numbers in packets anything where the children can be encouraged to look at numbers and count without them thinking they are learning!

We will continue with Little Wandle phonics, building on from their learning in reception. Specific spelling words of the week will be emailed home on Mondays for you to work on at home. These won't be formally tested on in school, we hope to see the children using them within their independent writing. Guided reading takes place 3 times a week, beginning with decoding, moving on to prosody (expression) and finishing with comprehension. Books will be available to read on line as they were during reception, please see attached letter to explain how to access this. A book will be sent home weekly which is a similar level to what the children are reading in guided reading and they will also be encouraged to pick a 'love of reading book' from the class book corner. This can be read to them, they can read it to you or just enjoy the pictures.

The wider curriculum will remain the same. This half term, Year 1 will have Science, Geography, Art, Computing, PE, RE and PSHE. The details of the sequences can be found on the class page of our website. The subject overviews contain the learning objectives, key vocabulary, prior learning and where this sequence fits in the children's journey through the subject. These overviews will also feature at the start of the sequence in the children's books and files. They will be familiar with the information that they contain and would provide a useful prompt for conversations at home.

The children will have two PE slots each week, on a Monday and Friday lunchtimes. On the days that Year 1 have PE lessons, they may come to school in their PE kits – a white t-shirt, black trousers, leggings or shorts and trainers. This is also the case should you sign your child up to any of the after-school clubs. Children should bring a water bottle and book bag to school. We do not have space to accommodate rucksacks and if brought to school they will be stored outside.

We are pleased to reintroduce class cake stalls, the Year 1 stall will be on Friday 30th September. We ask for you to have a go at baking some cakes, biscuits or sweet treats and send them in. We then run the stall at the end of the day, for all to buy- it provides valuable funds towards our class trips.

It has come to our attention that more and more children have access to the internet independently at home. There has been a particular increase in children watching YouTube. Without supervision, it is possible to view very inappropriate content on this site. Please refer to the online safety pages on our website should you require support or guidance with this matter. There is a copy of our safe usage policy as well as a sheet for parents with lots of useful information on it.

Please can we ask that if your child goes home on the school bus, you inform the office via a phone call or email should your child NOT be on the bus for some reason to avoid any confusion.

If you have any questions about anything regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please email admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk and we will try to get a reply within 48 hours.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Rowcliffe and Mrs Keast