

Welcome to Year 1 & Year 2's Newsletter
Autumn 1 2018

Welcome Back!

We hope you have had a wonderful 6 weeks and are ready for all the fun you are about to have in KS1. The children will be taught in their year groups for English and maths and in mixed 1 and 2 classes for their other subjects. The KS1 teachers are:

AM

Yr 1 - Miss Lago and Mrs Gregory
Yr 2 - Mrs Pang and Miss Merrick

PM

Miss Lago, Mrs Pang and Miss Merrick

TAs

Mrs Khanom and Mrs Mall

You will have the opportunity to 'Meet the Teacher' on 12.9.18 3:30 - 4:30.

Exciting English: Traditional tales and Growing Up

Year 1

Year 1 children will explore the story of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. There is a porridge thief on the loose and it will be their job to track them down! They will learn how to write a useful character description and create wanted posters. Year 1 will also read the story *Owl Babies*. They will enter the fascinating world of these nocturnal animals and record their own owl facts.

Year 2

Year 2 will firstly explore the traditional tale *The Ugly Duckling* and then read the story *Alfie and Grandma*. They will work towards writing their own narratives working their way through the writing process of planning, recording ideas and evaluating.

Marvellous Maths

Year 1

Year 1 will be exploring the magic number 10 - they will be counting backwards and forwards from any number within the range 0 - 10 and be looking at one more and one less. They will be learning their number bonds to 10 and recording related subtraction facts.

Year 2

Year 2 will be mastering their understanding of place value of two digit numbers. They will also be building on their knowledge from Year 1 to recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently and use related facts up to 100.

Times Tables

Please can you encourage your children to recall their times tables quickly? KS1 will be concentrating on their 2s, 5s and 10s throughout the year. It is very important that they know them at speed.

There are lots of games online to help them too: a good one is, 'Hit the Button!'

Topic: Memory Box

This term we have an exciting topic all about memories! To begin the project, the children will be transported back in time to a Victorian classroom. The children will be considering questions such as: *can you remember being small? Being a baby and learning to crawl?* The children will learn that memories are special and will be given the opportunity to make some more! KS1 will be invited to attend a teddy bears' picnic. The only catch is that they will need to design and make their own menu of food.

In geography, they will look at and compare photographs of Walsall from the past and now to identify key features such as buildings. In history, they will gain a sense of the passing of time by exploring and comparing old and new toys.

Science: Ourselves

The children will be given the opportunity to learn about and explore the five senses. They will gain an understanding of 'self' by looking at their baby photos and discussing their earliest memories. They will compare photos of people at different stages of life and identify similarities and differences. The children will then create their own family tree.

RE: What does it mean to belong?

In RE the children will learn about ways in which they belong and how belonging is expressed. They will then explore the idea of belonging in the context of religion and gain an understanding of what is special about belonging.

ICT

This term the children will be introduced to different types of technology. They will learn that a computer algorithm is the same as following step by step instructions.

PSHE: Being me in my World

Our topic in PSHE is all about how we feel about new beginnings and our rights and responsibilities as a class member. We will look at new routines and discuss the children's hopes and fears for the coming academic year.

WOW Day! (Blists Hill)

This half term the children will travel back in time when they go on a visit to Blists Hill Victorian town in Ironbridge. They will be rocketed back to the age of steam and see what life was like more than 100 years ago.



PE

Please remember children should wear a **white t-shirt** and **black bottoms** for PE. They should also have **pumps or trainers**. Kits should be brought into school on a **Monday** and taken home on **Friday**. PE will be on the following days for each class:
Miss Merrick - Friday
Miss Lago - Tuesday
Mrs Pang - Friday

Weekly Homework

Please remember homework should be handed in every Monday. Children will be issued with homework diaries that should be signed by parents. They are a communication tool for us all. Reading books should be changed weekly and reading records signed also.

Topic Homework.

We will be sending home a sheet with a variety of different activities for the children to do. Please have a look and support your children to complete some of the activities.

A reminder: Children should always be wearing their school uniform with black shoes. Children should not wear any jewellery except a watch and stud earrings. **Please make sure that the children's belongings are labelled with their names.**