

Year One Newsletter - Term 1

Dear Families,

Welcome back and welcome to Year 1! We hope you have had a fantastic summer break. We are very excited to welcome your children to Donaldson Class, with Mrs Briscoe and Mrs Miller, and Bright Class with Miss Muir. Our teaching assistants this year are Mrs Dredge and Miss Rummey. This year children will have the opportunity to engage in independent learning tasks in Year 1. This means that the children will be able to independently access resources, learning challenges and different areas of the classroom, as well as having focused group work and adult directed taught sessions.

We cannot wait to start learning about our topic for this first half term – “How am I making history?” Children will be able to create a personal timeline, developing an understanding of personal chronology. We will learn about how we can find out about the past from photographs and from talking to people who were there. We will discuss different events and how these events are celebrated. We expect that they will come home with lots of questions about how things have changed over time! Children will also be learning about the past and present and understand that during someone's lifetime, some things will change and some things will stay the same.

All of our school classes are named after a children's author. Over the next few weeks the children will be learning about both Julia Donaldson and Rachel Bright.

If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to any one of us or send us a message via ClassDojo.
Mrs Briscoe, Mrs Miller & Miss Muir.

PE

Year 1 PE day is Monday. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their named PE kit on that day. Earrings need to be removed for PE.

Reading

Please ensure that your child's reading book and planner are in school every day.

Water

It is crucial that every child arrives at school with fresh water in a named/labelled bottle. Please do not put water bottles inside book bags.

Snack

As part of our school policy only fruit is allowed for snack time. School will provide this each day.

Bags

Children should use a flat book bag for their belongings. We do not have space for rucksacks.

ClassDojo

We will use ClassDojo to communicate with you and to share the children's learning.

Autumn term 1: Tuesday 5th September 2023 – Friday 21st October 2023

English

We will use 'Stickman' as the focus text for our English lessons. Children will write short, simple sentences about Stickman and even make a poster to show he is missing! Phonics is taught daily, with catch up groups throughout the week to support children's learning. As often as possible, we ask that children are regularly listened to reading at home and recorded in their planner.

Our class novel this half term is

The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark.

Maths

This term, we will be looking at numbers and place value within 10. It is crucial to develop a sound understanding of number facts within 10, as this will form the basis for all other learning in number. In arithmetic practise, we will recall addition and subtraction facts, recording our work in number sentences. You can support your child's learning of Maths at home by accessing Numbots regularly.

Science

In science, we will learn about animals and living things. Children will develop their understanding of the 'Working

Scientifically' skills. As a class, we will explore the different body parts and their purpose. We will also learn about the senses, completing many practical activities.

Physical Education

Our P.E day is Monday. On Mondays the children should come to school in the correct PE kit - plain white t shirt, green or black shorts and trainers. **Please ensure that**

children are not wearing football kits as PE kit.

Children will be using their feet during this half term.

They will recap moving with a ball using their feet, practising dribbling with a ball, passing a ball by kicking it and then applying kicking to score a point.

Art

Our Art lessons this half term focus on drawing by making marks. Children will experiment with a range of mark-making techniques, responding appropriately to music. They will practise colouring neatly and carefully, using a range of different media and colours. Children will also work on describing and comparing features of their own and others' artwork.

History

As part of our History topic, children will be learning about similarities and differences between the past and their own lives. They will also be looking at timelines and having a go at sequencing events on a simple timeline. Children will look at events during the year and how these are celebrated in different ways.

Computing

In computing, children will become more familiar with using a computer. This includes learning what a keyboard is and how to locate relevant keys, learning mouse control – including clicking and dragging and practising logging in and logging out. We have a fantastic Computer Suite and a class set of iPads that the children will have regular access to.

