

# Year One Newsletter - Term 2

Dear Families,

Welcome back – we hope you had a restful half term break. We are looking forward to getting back into the classroom and continuing our learning for this half term.

This half term we are continuing with our carousel based learning approach with a mixture of whole class learning and activities. Children will have access to support and differentiation where needed.

This term our focus topic is 'Where in the world are we?' During our topic we will learn about our local area – specifically looking at aerial photos. We will also be learning how to use directional language to describe the positions of things.

We are also looking forward to learning and practising for our Christmas performance. More information about this will be sent out nearer the time.

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. Books will be changed weekly.

## Water

Please continue to provide children with a water bottle daily.

## Snack

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

## ClassDojo

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

## Diary Dates - Nativity

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – 2.30pm

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – 9.30am

Further information about the Nativity will be sent out nearer the time.

**Autumn term 2: Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

## English

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 Hodgeheg* by Dick King Smith. In writing, we are working towards producing an information text all about London, based on the book 'Katie in London'.

## Maths

This term, we will be looking at addition and subtraction within 10. Children will become more familiar with part whole models, bar models and using different concrete resources to help work out addition and subtraction calculations. We will also be learning about fact families and learning number bonds to 10. Children are encouraged to use Numbots at home to help secure their mathematical knowledge.

## Science

In science, we will learn about Materials. Children will be identifying and naming different materials. They will be grouping materials based on their properties. Children will be introduced to vocabulary such as rough, smooth, hard, soft, bendy, rigid etc. The children will also take part in investigations looking at what materials can float and sink and working out which materials would make the best shelter.

## Physical Education

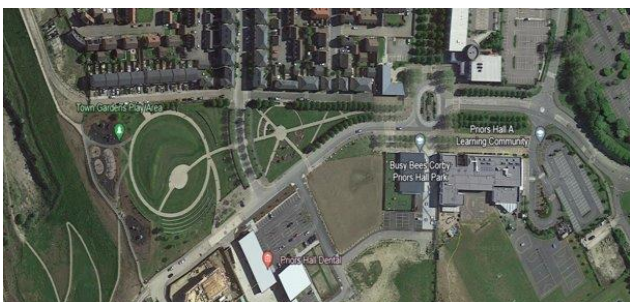
Our P.E day is Monday. On Mondays the children should come to school in the correct PE kit - plain white t shirt, green or black shorts and trainers. **Please ensure that children are not wearing football kits as PE kit.** Children will be using their feet during this half term. They will recap moving 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.

## DT

This half term, children will be taking part in DT lessons. Our unit is called Structures: Constructing a Windmill. Children will be part of the design process and explain how their design appeals to the client. They will make stable structures out of card, tape and glue. Children will also be evaluating their windmills, saying what is good, and what they could have improved.

## Geography

Our Geography unit this half term is called "Where in the world are we?" We will be studying our local area and looking at aerial photos. We will also be learning the names of the countries in the United Kingdom. Our main geography focus during this unit is fieldwork.



An aerial photo of Priors Hall – a learning community.

## Computing

In computing, we will be improving our mouse skills. We will be learning how to control the mouse to click, drag and drop files. Children will also be logging into the computer and will be learning how to find all the letters in their name on the keyboard.