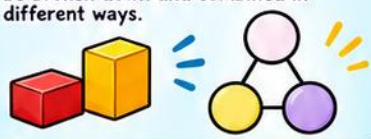
YEAR ONE NEWSLETTER

Term 2

Maths

In Maths this term, the children will be learning about wholes and parts. They will explore how a whole object or group of objects can be split into smaller parts in different ways, and how these parts can be put back together to make the whole again. Children will learn to recognise when something is a complete whole and when part of it is missing. They will investigate how one whole can be made up of different combinations of parts, using practical resources, pictures and objects. They will also begin to represent their understanding using part–part–whole diagrams, helping them to develop an understanding of how numbers can be broken down and combined in different ways.



English

In English this term, the children will be writing their own instructions, inspired by the texts *The Jolly Postman* and, later in the term, *The Disgusting Sandwich*. During our daily story time, they will also enjoy listening to and becoming familiar with a range of traditional stories. We will continue to develop the children's understanding of simple sentences, focusing on nouns and verbs, and introducing adjectives to help make their writing more interesting. The children will have plenty of opportunities to practise writing in full sentences, remembering to use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. They will also continue to apply the handwriting skills developed during Term 1.



Phonics



We will continue to use the Sounds-Write approach to support the children's phonics learning. This term, our focus will be on exploring different ways of spelling the same sound. We will be looking particularly at the sounds 'er', 'e' and 'ow', learning to recognise the different spellings that can represent each sound.

Reading



Please continue to listen to your child read their school reading book every day. Additional reading at home is always encouraged, and we ask that all reading is recorded in your child's Learning Journal. The children thoroughly enjoy our daily story time in class, and we encourage you to share stories together at home too, helping to develop their enjoyment and love of reading.

Handwriting

This term, the children will continue to develop their handwriting skills, focusing on forming letters correctly, clearly and consistently. The letters we will be concentrating on are:

r, v, w, n, m, h, b, p, u, j, y, f and k.

Science

This term Year 1 will be learning about animals, including humans. They will have the opportunity to explore a variety of animals, highlighting similarities and differences, before sorting them into groups. Children will then look at the structure of animals and discuss the adaptations they have made in order to survive in their environments.



Art

Our topic in Art this term is Landmarks. Children will explore landmarks all around the world – thinking about the shapes, colours and meaning. They will use clay to further explore shape and texture, before working in groups to create their unique landmark inspired by the artist Tony Cragg.



Geography

In Geography, our topic will be 'Where I Live'. Our lessons will investigate Coxheath. We will explore the way in which aerial photographs show large areas of land and how things look different from above. Year 1 will also have the opportunity to plan and carryout fieldwork – analysing the data that they collect.



RE

In RE this term, Year 1 will be continuing to explore Christianity and looking closely at how and why they celebrate special and sacred times. The children will be focusing on the Christian festivals of Harvest and Christmas. They will be exploring Christian stories from the Bible, linking to these special times and understanding the meanings Christians take from these.



PSHE

In PSHE, children will have the opportunity to explore friendships. Discussing topics such a what makes a good friend, how to be a good friend and maintaining healthy boundaries.



PE

In PE we will be developing the children's understanding of the benefits of exercise and a healthy lifestyle on their physical body, their mood and their overall health. They will work independently, in pairs and small groups to complete challenges in which they will sometimes need to persevere to achieve their personal best. Their second weekly PE lesson will be a dance module in which pupils will use the theme of weather and pirates to explore expressive movement and moving in time to a beat.



PE Days

Hever – Wednesday and Friday

Rye – Tuesday and Friday

Dates for the Diary

- **Monday 23rd November** – Year 1 Maths workshop for parents – 2.15pm KS1 Hall
- **Tuesday 24th November** – Year 1 Maths workshop for parents – 2.15pm KS1 Hall