

Year 1

Autumn Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

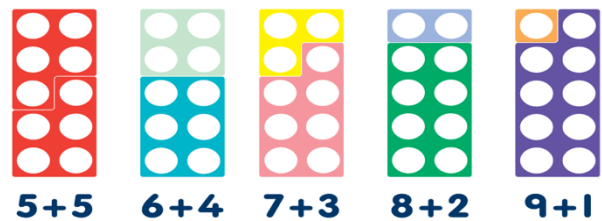
It has been lovely to welcome the children to Year 1; they have made a super start to the new school year, and we look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the coming year.



Our work for the first half term will all be based around **The Seaside**. We will be learning how to locate the **five oceans** on a map of the world as well as learning about the human and physical features of the seaside and comparing these features to our own locality of Purford Green. In **Science** we will be exploring our senses and naming our body parts before investigating the animals that live in the sea, finding out how we are the same and different.

Our **Literacy** work will focus on building writing fluency and we will work on punctuating our sentences with a capital letter and full stop and leaving finger spaces between each word. The children will also be introduced to the terminology of noun and plural, learning when to add an “s” or an “es,” as well as the suffixes “ing” and “ed.”

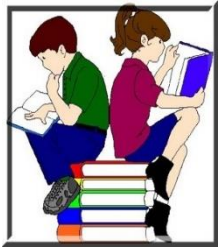
In **Maths** we will be extending our counting to 50 forwards and backwards and we will be consolidating the language more and less, understanding that 1 more is the next number in the count and 1 less the number before. A real focus this term will be learning our number bonds to 5 and 10, really knowing off by heart that 4+1 is 5, 3+2 is 5, 2+3 is 5 etc ultimately without having to check.



During this term, we will be developing the children’s gross and fine motor skills to help improve their **handwriting**, both for number and letter formation, concentrating on size, orientation, and the starting position on the line.

Phonics will remain an important part of our daily routine with the children working in groups to increase their knowledge of sounds, aiming at fluency to blend sounds together when

reading and to break words up into their sounds when spelling. **Spellings** will be set on Spelling Shed each week to be practised and checked in school within our daily phonic sessions.



In Year 1 we are working towards reading first thing each morning from 8.50am to 9.15am, so children please bring your book bag to school every day. We are always grateful for any offer of parental or grandparent support, the more adults we have the better the reading experience for every child.

PE for Year 1 will be on a MONDAY and a THURSDAY so please could you make sure that the children do not wear earrings on those days. Please ensure the children have: a t-shirt, black shorts, white socks, plimsolls and a PE bag all fully labelled so that we can return lost kit!

Finally, we are looking forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year, we are always available at the end of everyday so please talk to us if you have any concerns or contact us on ClassDojo.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Tracey and Mrs Leland.