



Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

September 2020

A very warm welcome to Year One! We are really looking forward to working with you all this year! Let's find out what we are going to be up to this half term...

The Year 1 Team:

The Year 1 team is: Miss Straffon, Mrs McDonald, Miss Heywood, Mrs Eves, Mrs Addyman and Mr Tierney. There will also be other members of our school team who will work with us at various points in the year.



Curriculum

Our topic this half term is "A Toy's Story". Our subject focus will be on history and science. We will be finding out about the past in our own lives and those of our parents and grandparents. We will be using artefacts (toys), interviews and pictures to help us form opinions about the past. In science we will be learning the names and properties of common materials and comparing different everyday objects. You can find out more details about what we will be learning by looking at our Knowledge Organiser on our class webpage.

In **mathematics** we will be working on place value by deepening our understanding of numbers within 10/20 with a strong focus on problem solving and reasoning.

In **English** we will be continuing our daily phonics lesson, and will be becoming more confident at writing labels, captions and sentences, spelling tricky words and using our phonic knowledge..

Children will still have the opportunities to lead some of their learning and will continue to have learning challenges. In Year 1 these challenges will be compulsory and will be very closely linked to our curriculum work, mathematics and English. Children will take more responsibility for ensuring they complete their learning challenges, and you will be able to find details of the 6 learning challenges each week on our web page.

Homework

For the first half term, weekly homework in Year 1 will focus on reading and spelling.

All children will be given a reading book and new reading record this week. Reading books will be sent home every Friday, please return them on a

Wednesday so we can read with the children and change their books. Please write in your child's reading record to show when you have listened to your child read.

Spellings will be sent home on Fridays and will be assessed the following Thursday.

Nando's Homework

Homework will now be available on Seesaw. Everyone will be given codes in the first week. It will be put on half termly and will support our topic work

PE

In year 1 the children will have P.E. on a Tuesday and a Thursday. Please ensure your child's P.E. kit is in school on these days.

Clothing

Please ensure that all of your child's clothing is

labelled with their name. It really helps us to ensure that any found items are returned to the right child.

Important Information

At this moment in time we have to do things a little differently and if you need to speak to the class teacher, please contact the school office by telephone or alternately you can email the school office who will forward on the email to the teacher.

Class Webpage

Whitegate End is becoming a paperless office! Please check our webpage each week to see what we have been learning and doing.