

KS1- September 2023 Newsletter

'Let Your Light Shine'



I hope you have had a good summer break and that the children are returning enthusiastic and ready for the new school year. It's lovely that we are having a sunny start to the Autumn term!

Over the year KS1 children work on topics which have a main focus of history, geography or science, as well as incorporating all other curriculum areas.

Our topic for the Autumn term is called '**What a Wonderful World**' and will provide geographical learning about the continents and oceans of the world, different types physical and human geography and map work. Our science work will focus on the changing seasons and weather, linked to this, we will also learn about climate change and what we can do to look after the planet. In RE we will be discovering what various religions believe about creation.

English lessons will be taught using quality picture books and focusing on each for a few weeks. The books for this term include: *Ten Things I Can Do To Help My World*, *The Last Wolf*, *Fish*, *Leaf*.



PE – This year **PE** lessons will take place on **Tuesday and Thursday**, you will be informed if this changes. We will get outside as much as possible, then as the weather gets colder, use the hall for gymnastics/ dance. Children can leave PE bags on their pegs. **Please make sure all items of clothing are named.**

Reading - It is hugely important to read stories regularly to develop children's language, imagination, comprehension and love of books. You are welcome to borrow picture books from school to share at home.

Children will read their own *Read Write Inc.* blending books or story books in class and will be bringing these home to re-read to you. This practise boosts their fluency and confidence and gives them opportunity to read a familiar book with expression. Please try to listen to your child read their books at least four times a week.

Homework

Y2 - Homework books will be given out each week on a Friday with work to be completed and **returned the following Thursday**. This will begin in the next couple of weeks.

Y1 – Children will bring home a phonics book with sounds to practise, this will support phonics work being done in class. Y1 will be given homework books later in the year when they are ready for more formal learning at home.

Mathletics - Your child will be able to access their account at home, using their username and password, which will be sent home soon. Children complete maths activities and earn points. Those who earn 1000 points in a week will receive a certificate.

Water Bottles & Snacks - Please remember to send a labelled water bottle each day, children are able to drink water throughout the school day. They may also bring juice to have with lunch. Please remember to send fruit and healthy savoury snacks. No sweets, chocolate or crisps.

If you have any questions at any time, would like to discuss your child's progress or any other issues, please let myself or Miss Barker know and we can arrange a convenient time to meet.

Thank you for your support,
Kim Law