



Sunnybrow Primary School

Class 1 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to our first Class 1 newsletter. We hope you've all had a fantastic summer holiday. We are so excited to get started and are looking forward to a fun-filled and productive year. This half-term is all about settling in to our class and we will be getting to know where your children are at in their learning journey, so we can plan an appropriate curriculum for them. Reception children parents, don't forget to download the Tapestry app and please do upload your own photographs and observations on there too! If you have any questions or queries, don't hesitate to ask!

Mrs Sim and Mrs Austin

Your child's week:

Monday	Homework can be brought back in from today Show and tell P.E lesson
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Homework must be back in
Thursday	Homework given out
Friday	P.E. lesson Year 1 Spelling Test New spellings given out for Year 1 pupils

Things to note:

- Show and Tell is only on Mondays. Toys should be small and able to fit in your child's tray. Please don't send in any weapons.
- Tuck shop is 20p a day. Please send the correct money or a £1 for the week, but no more than this!
- Please make sure your child brings their reading folder to school every day. Your child can earn a dojo point each day if they read at home at night and a parent or older sibling signs their reading record.

Our Topic:

This term we are getting to know each other and will be starting off with the topic Nursery Rhymes, then Dragons. Within these topics, we will be learning to recite familiar rhymes and poems by heart, making toys with wind-up mechanisms and learning about the Great fire of London. We will also be following the children's interests and planning mini-topics as we go along.

Literacy and Numeracy:

Our Literacy work will be closely linked to our topics and we will be spending a lot of this term developing our speaking and listening skills, especially putting our ideas into sentences.

Reception children will be developing their pre-writing skills to make sure that they are 'ready for writing'. Year 1 will be producing writing such as wanted posters, labels and captions and instructions. We will also be encouraging the children to use writing in provision areas to label their own work etc. In Maths, we will be focusing mainly on number and developing our concept of what a number actually means by using lots of visual aids and concrete apparatus.

Homework:

It is expected that your child will read at home, at least 3 times a week. Reception will initially bring home books without words. When we start to learn letter sounds, they will bring home a sound book and word packets of words to blend. Any reading practise must be recorded in their reading log book. Your child will then receive a reading dojo every morning if they have read at home. Please don't underestimate the importance of regular reading practice at home. Year 1 children will be given new spellings to learn each Friday in preparation for their weekly spelling test. To achieve expected level for Year 1 writing, children have to be able to apply the spelling rules from their year group's spelling lists, so please do practise the spellings as much as possible!

Your child will bring home a piece of homework each week. This year we are trying to ensure that we develop the whole curriculum so homework could be related to any subject area, not just Literacy and Maths.