**Year 1 Doves Newsletter 2020 – Autumn 1**

**What will my child be studying in Autumn 1?**

The children will be continuing to learn their phonics in preparation for the phonics screening test at the end of the year. The books that the children read both in school and home will be closely matched to their phonic ability.

Units that will be covered in maths include place value within 20 (counting, reading, ordering and writing numbers to 10 and 20), addition and subtraction within 10 (including number bonds) and recognising and naming common 2D and 3D shapes.

Our whole school topic question for this term is ‘Do we love where we live?’. Our Year 1 question is ‘What do we love about nature?’. The children will be learning about their local environment, including their school and local area. We will also be looking at the season of autumn and exploring different plants and trees around the school grounds.

**PE**

PE lessons in Year 1 take place on Wednesdays and Fridays.

This term the children will be developing their ball skills, hand eye coordination and tactical awareness. They will also be learning about how to stay fit and healthy and the importance of regular exercise.

All children in Year 1 will change into their PE kits at school. Please ensure all PE kit is clearly labelled with your child’s name and class.

**A message from the teacher**

Welcome to Year 1!

I hope you had a wonderful summer break and are now ready for a new term. The children all seem to have enjoyed their new start and are already beginning to settle well into their new class.

The first term will focus on the transition from Reception and getting used to more structured learning. There will still plenty of opportunities throughout the week for the children to learn through play.

This newsletter will provide you with important information about what your children will be learning for the Autumn term.

Myself and the Year 1 team are excited to be working closely with you and your children to make lasting learning memories and to have a great year.

Miss Ruse

**Ways to help at home**

Please read with your child regularly, it is so important they are constantly reading to help in all areas of their learning. As well as listening to your child read to you, we believe bedtime stories play a big part in engaging children with reading, so please also read to your child every evening.

Homework will begin with asking the children to practise spelling their first and last names. All children have a home reading and word list book linked to their reading level. Children are also expected to read their home reading book and practise their words as their homework.

KIRFS – Each half term, children will focus on a Key Instant Recall Fact (KIRF) to practise and learn at home for the half term. They will be available on our school website under the curriculum > maths section. Children will receive a copy to keep at home and will be sent ideas or activities each week to help practise their KIRF.

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