

YEAR 1 NEWS!

Autumn Term 2023

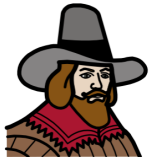
A very big welcome to Year 1 from all of us! Hopefully everyone has enjoyed a fantastic summer holiday. The children are already familiar with Walter's Wing and are getting to know the staff and the new routines in Year 1 very quickly. We welcome Mrs Boulton to the team and we look forward to a wonderful year!

Our Learning



We have many interesting topics for this term. Our Geography learning focuses on answering the question: 'How does weather affect our lives?'. The children will observe, measure and record the elements of daily weather, as well as learning about changes in weather conditions across the seasons.

Our History learning focuses on answering the question: 'Who was Guy Fawkes?'. The children will gain an understanding of this significant individual by learning about the build-up to the Gunpowder Plot and the problems that the plotters tried to overcome.



Additionally, in science our focus will be 'Amazing Animals.' During this topic, the children will learn about animals' needs and different ways of categorising them. Then we will move on to humans as part of the animal kingdom. This will include learning about parts of the body and how we grow. The children will have an opportunity to handle small animals during a Zoolab animal workshop, which will be lots of fun. In addition, as an on-going science theme for the year, we will be studying the changing seasons.

If you have any resources that you think will be useful for our topics then please do send them in to show, use or discuss, but do ensure that they are clearly named.

Meet the Teachers

Ash class– Miss Widdup and Mrs Winterman

Yew class– Miss Freeman and Mrs Boulton

We will be holding our 'Meet the Teachers' meeting on Wednesday 13th September from 2:45pm. We will be going through lots of information so please join if you are able.



P.E

Year 1 will have outdoor P.E (weather permitting) on Friday afternoons and indoor PE on Wednesday mornings.

In addition to PE kits the children need to have dark green joggers and a jumper for when the weather gets colder. They should have plimsolls or trainers in school every day ready for PE.

All kit must be named.



English

The children will be completing many writing activities this term. We will be looking at different forms of narrative writing, simple labels and captions and looking at the structure of a sentence so that we can write short stories, as well as non-fiction pieces. As part of the National Curriculum we will be focussing more on learning to recognise and use capital letters and being able to spell the days of the week. Our word level work will focus on consolidating all basic sounds and looking at initial blends during our phonics sessions 5 times a week. We will also focus on developing a neat, cursive style of handwriting during handwriting sessions.

Maths

This term we will be practising counting, reading and writing numbers to 20 in digits and words. We will be working on place value, addition and subtraction. We will develop mental arithmetic skills, for example saying the number more or less than a given number. There will be practical activities on length and shape.



Homework

The children will not bring home formal homework that needs to be returned and marked. Each term we will send home a pack that will inform you of things the children could practise at home and ideas for activities and websites that you can use. The children will, of course, need to continue to read for 10 minutes every day. Please record this daily in your child's Reading Record.

Please try and get all children involved in the Surrey Library challenge. They need to read 6 books by 23rd September. House points will be allocated!

Reading Books

At the end of each week your child will take home one book that matches their phonics phase, one book from their previous phonics phase and one shared reading text. Additionally, on Oxford Owl, the children will have access to one online book that matches their phonics phase.

Communication

The school newsletter 'Headlines' is essential weekly reading in order to keep up to date with events, diary changes and celebrations.

Please email or ring the office if your child is going to be collected by someone other than a parent or regular childminder.

Class Assemblies

Each class will hold one class assembly this year. The dates for our assemblies will not be until the Spring or Summer Term. However, there will be a Key Stage 1 Harvest assembly and Christmas performance this term. Dates to be confirmed.

Please keep the office up to date with any changes in personal details and circumstances. This is important so that, for example, both parents, in case of separation, can receive all communication about their children. If you have anything you would like to discuss with your child's teacher please request an appointment via an email to the admin staff at info@sfet.org.uk

We would ask that you also inform the office straight away if your child is unwell.

Thank you for your help.

