

YEAR 1 NEWS!!

Autumn Term 2016

Dear All,

A very big welcome to Year 1 from all of us! Hopefully everyone has enjoyed a fantastic summer holiday. We would particularly like to welcome Maya Hanson into 1M. We also welcome Mrs Johanna Hughes to the team this year as TA in 1M on a Monday. Most of the children are already familiar with Walter's Wing and will get to know the staff and the new routines in Year 1 very quickly.

TOPIC

Our topic for this term is 'Amazing Animals.' We will begin by learning about animals. This will include 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. There will be lots of 'hands-on' science activities so it will be great fun. In addition as



ongoing Science and History themes for the year we will be studying the changing seasons and important historical figures which will lead us nicely into celebrating winter festivals such as Bonfire Night, Hannukah and, of course, Christmas. If you have any resources that you think will be useful for our topics then please do name them and send them in to show, use or discuss.



Meet the Teachers

We will be holding our 'Meet the Teachers' meeting on Monday 12th Sept at 2.45 in 1H. We will be giving out lots of information about Year 1. As ever, we are very grateful for any offers of help from parents wishing to come in. Parents who attend the meeting will be given the opportunity to offer a possible time slot. If you are unable to come to the meeting and would like to volunteer please let us know. We thank you in advance for any offers to help. The teachers will contact you in due course when we have organised a timetable.

You will need to have school DBS clearance in order to come in.

P.E

Year 1 will have outdoor P.E (weather permitting) on a Thursday morning and indoor PE on a Wednesday morning.

In addition to PE kits the children need to have a track suit for when the weather gets colder and they need plimsolls or trainers in school every day for PE and also if they wish to use the adventure playground at afternoon play.

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 new 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 'Letters & Sounds' sessions 3 times a week. We will also focus on developing a neat, cursive style of handwriting during weekly handwriting sessions.

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 will need to 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 book.

Children can continue to use the Mathletics website. We will re-issue the Mathletics passwords to each child.

School Library

Year 1 will visit the library on a Monday morning.

Please ensure that your child's library book is in their book bag on that day. They will take one book each week but are allowed up to a maximum of two at a time. This means they can take another book if they forget one week.

Communication

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

Open House will be on the first Thursday of every month. The first one will be Thursday 6th Oct.

Maths

This term we will be consolidating work on numbers up to 20 - this will involve writing, reciting, and counting within this range or more for those who are able to do so. We will also look at place value of numbers, addition and subtraction and the language involved with these, saying the number more or less than a given number and many mental arithmetic skills. There will be lots of Practical activities on length and shape.

Class Assemblies

Each class will hold two class assemblies this year. The dates for the first assemblies are not until the Spring Term:

1M Assembly — Friday 3rd February 2017

1H Assembly— Friday 10th February 2017

Please ensure that you notify the office of any change of personal information (e.g. addresses or contact details) to ensure that all communication reaches home efficiently. 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@theraleigh.org.

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

