

Year 1 Newsletter - Autumn 1

Topic

Geography – This half term we will begin to learn some simple maps skills. We will learn about the 4 countries that make up the UK, their capital cities and the seas that surround us.

Science – Over the coming weeks we will observe the change of seasons from Autumn and Winter.

DT – We will continue our Toys topic by making hand puppets. We will research different designs, test out different methods to attach materials together, draw designs and make our own.

ICT – We will begin to learn about basic algorithms. Using Beebots, we will create simple sets of instructions or codes to make them move in different formations.



Reading

Reading at Home - Please remember to read with your child 3 times a week and record in their diary. Books and Diaries must be in school every day.

This half term, we are using the book *I Want My Hat Back* to teach comprehension skills. We will make predictions, answer simple literal questions, learn new vocabulary, learn about inference and sequence the story.

Our focus author this half term our favourite, **Oliver Jeffers**.

Our traditional tale is **The Three Little Super Pigs**.

Our theme is **Feelings**



Writing

We will continue to teach handwriting in formation families every day. We will also begin to teach capital letters alongside them.

We teach handwriting every day, ensuring that children are able to form all lower-case letters correctly.

We will teach the following tricky words:

my, by, some, come, you, your

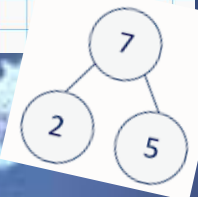
4 days a week we do **Drawing Club**. This promotes, vocabulary, a love of books, fine motor skills, and sentence writing skills.

Maths

Our maths focus this half term is, **Addition and Subtraction**.

In this unit we will look at part whole models, addition families, number bonds within 10, addition problems, subtraction by finding a part and subtraction by taking away/ crossing out. We will write addition and subtraction equations.

We ask that children play NUMBOTS, little and often throughout the week to help build their fluency skills.



Other info

Our school value for this half term is... **Responsibility**.

Friday 14th November – Children in Need

Tuesday 25th November – Christmas Fair

11th and 12th December – Christmas Play

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Disco

Thursday 18th December – Christmas Party

Friday 19th December – Christmas Jumpers