Year 1 Autumn 2 Information Letter

Our main theme for Autumn 2 is … **Inspirational people**

Art
Drawing, Printing and Painting.

Computing
Developing key skills & creating media; Log in to laptops and further develop mouse and keyboard skills.

History
The lives of significant people- Thomas Edison and Garrett A Morgan.

Music
Senses -Pitch and Tempo.

Religious Education
The Christmas Story.

PSHRE:
All Different, All Equal. The topics in this unit are: Celebrating the similarities and differences in everyone. Making new friends. Anti-bullying.

Important Dates
Beginning of Half Term for children: Monday 2nd November 2026. **End of Term: Friday 18th December 2026.** **New Spring Term Starts for children: Monday 4th January 2027.**

Outdoor Learning
Every **three weeks** your child will have a morning outdoors with Mrs Matthews enhancing their learning with outdoor activities. **Please take your child to Seasons House when it is their week.** **Focus this half term – Science – The Senses, Geography- following maps and using compasses, and History- The Great Fire of London.**

How you can help at home

Mathematics

Our Maths curriculum this half term will explore topics on

- **Addition and Subtraction (within 10)**
- **Geometry: 2D and 3D shapes**

To support Maths you can help your child:

- Learn their number bonds to 10 e.g., 9+1, 8 +2 etc.
- Read and write numbers & words to 10 accurately.
- Reinforce the vocabulary of add, plus, more than, total amount, how many altogether? By using practical objects." I have 7 apples and add 2 more. What is the total?"
- Reinforce the vocabulary of take away, minus, less than, how many left? By using practical objects. "I have 10 sweets, and I take away 3. How many are left?"
- Reinforce the equal sign in different positions e.g. 6=10-4, 6+4=10, 10=6+4, 10-4=6.
- Add and subtract with numbers to 10, including zero.
- Solve one step addition and subtraction problems.
- Recognise and name common 2D and 3D Shapes e.g. rectangles, squares, circles and triangles. 3D shapes including cuboids, cones cubes, pyramids and spheres.

English

- Please help your child learn the Year 1 common exception word spellings. Please see the school website for this list.
- Please listen to your child read their weekly reading book.
- Please tick or write a short positive comment about your child's reading in their reading diary.
- Please read regularly with/to your child from a whole range of reading materials. Please ask your child questions about what they have heard/read to check their understanding.
- Encourage reading in everyday life e.g. signs, posters, recipes, ingredients etc.
- Celebrate when your child writes e.g. a shopping list, imaginative stories, diary, short notes.
- Encourage your child to listen to a wide range of stories to help them develop their vocabulary and provide them with inspiration for their own writing.

Some suggested activities and key questions

- What is the weather like? Where can we find out about the weather forecast?
- Name the seasons and the months of the year.
- Discuss the seasonal changes of Autumn.
- What clothes do we wear in Autumn?
- What happens at sunrise and sunset?
- Discuss Bonfire Night safety. Why do people celebrate Bonfire Night?
- How can you keep safe online?
- Practice printing, drawing and painting at home.
- Name the three primary colours.
- Find out about these famous people and the impact they had on the world, e.g., Thomas Edison and Garrett A Morgan.
- If you were an inventor, what would you invent? Why?
- Can you name the five senses?
- What is a festival?
- Find out about different festivals and how these festivals are celebrated.
- What festivals do you celebrate? Why?
- What are the four main points on a compass?
- When would you use a compass?
- What does a compass help us do?

Look out for the Homework Challenges shared on Class Dojo every 2 weeks!

- **Please ensure your child comes to school on their PE days (Monday and Thursday) in their PE kit.**