



# Autumn Newsletter - Year 1



Dear Parents,

I am very pleased to welcome you all back after, what I hope was, a very relaxing summer holiday!

## WHAT WILL WE BE LEARNING THIS TERM?

In Maths and English this term, there will be a strong emphasis on revising basic skills. In **English** the focus will be on phonics, spellings, punctuation and grammar. **Maths** will be focused towards number work, i.e. addition, subtraction, number and place value.

### Cornerstones Curriculum (Art/Design, ICT, Geography, History and Science)

This term's theme is Moon Zoom! Across these subjects, the children will be learning about solar systems, satellite images, influential astronauts throughout history, the mechanisms and properties of everyday materials and much more!

This term, in **Religious Education**, the children will be learning 2 key aspects: 1) Why Christians make and keep promises to God; and, 2) Advent. The main focus will be on the foundation teachings of Christianity and what it means to be Christian.

The first few weeks of this term have been focused on getting to know routines and everyday school life. In the coming weeks, children will be immersed in phonics and developing their reading skills. This is to encourage the children to enjoy reading and to read independently.

### Something to look forward to...

From next term, children will also complete calculation challenges! Each week will be focused on different calculations. Children will work through the challenges at their own pace.

## HOMEWORK

- Five high frequency spelling words will be sent home every week. **Every Monday, we will have a spelling test.**  
*This term, children will not be asked to write them in a sentence, instead they should concentrate on learning the correct spelling.*
- There will be one Maths and one English homework task **sent home on Tuesdays. Please return this by Monday.**
- Children are encouraged to read for ten minutes every day from the book, which will be given to them each week. This needs to be recorded into their reading record.

## **POINTS TO REMEMBER...**

- Children need to **ARRIVE** to school in their P.E. kits on **THURSDAYS**.
- Children need to **BRING** their P.E. kits on **WEDNESDAYS**.
- Homework is to handed in on **MONDAY** and will be given out on Tuesday.

If you wish to speak with me, please make an appointment or contact the office. Please be aware that the morning is an extremely busy time and unfortunately I will not have time to speak with you.

I am looking forward to see you all on our first Parent Teacher meeting on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 4.30pm. I am excited to be on this amazing journey with the Year 1s and to see where the year takes us!

Yours Sincerely,  
*Miss Koltai*