

W.H.F.C.S

Autumn Term Newsletter

KS1: YEAR 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

This term our topic is *Brilliant Birmingham!*

ENGLISH

Our class text is going to be 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. We will be learning the story through 'Talk for Writing' creating actions to retell the story. We will be focussing on using our phonic knowledge to write. The children will compose simple sentences and punctuate correctly using capital letters and full stops.



MATHEMATICS

Our new learning following the national curriculum will include:

- Number and place value within 10 and 20
- Number bonds to 10
- Addition and subtraction within 20



SCIENCE

Our topic is 'Plants and Earth'.

- Identify, name and classify plants.
- Investigate what a plant needs to grow
- Recognise and name different trees.



TOPIC (HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY)

In Geography we will be learning about Birmingham. We will be using and drawing simple maps, learning about our local area and making comparisons between the town and the countryside.

In History we will be learning about the history of Birmingham partially during the Victorian Era.



ART & DESIGN/ DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

In Art this term we are learning about the famous artist L.S. Lowry. We will be creating our own paintings in the style of Lowry.



MUSIC

The children will:

- Learn to sing 'Hey You!' and 'Rhythm in the way we walk'.
- Listen and appraise different music.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Mr Jones will be teaching PE on a Friday morning starting with Core Skills and gymnastics.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our enquiries this term are:

- Does God want Christians to look after the world?
- What gift would have been given to Jesus if he were born in my town?



COMPUTING

- Our first unit of computing will be about investigating technology around us and then moving on to improving children's mouse and keyboard skills.



PSHE SESSIONS WILL FOCUS ON THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES -

We will be looking at the following topics – Being Me in My World – 'Who am I and how do I fit?' Celebrating Difference – Respect for similarity and difference. Anti-bullying and being unique.

HOMEWORK

- Please listen to your child read their book every night and sign their reading diary.
- Homework will be sent on a Friday and should be returned by Wednesday.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/REMINDERS

- Please name all belongings
- Please make sure children come into school in their P.E. kit on a Friday.

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