

# Year 1 Newsletter - September 2021



Our topics this half-term are: "**Where the Wild Things Are, Shark in the Park and Harvest**".



In **Literacy**, we are using recommended texts, which focus on developing the children's key literacy skills. There is a heavy focus on revisiting the phonic sounds they were learning in Year R, so we will be moving quickly through these sounds, encouraging them to blend to read and build words when writing.

We will be using 'Where the Wild Things Are' and 'Shark in the Park' as a stimulus for drama and writing.

In **Mathematics**, we are focussing on place-value, reading, writing, counting, representing numbers, comparing and ordering numbers to 10/20.

In **Science**, we are starting our long scientific study on the seasons; specifically using our senses to explore the signs of Autumn.

In **PE**, our focus is dance and we will be learning short dances with repeating patterns. In outdoor PE we are developing our ball skills; including sending and retrieving a ball.

In **ICT**, we are learning about Internet safety.



## Dates for your diary

### September

**30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – 9.15am**  
Harvest Celebration at St Mary's Church  
All Parents/Carers welcome to attend

### October

**6<sup>th</sup> October 2021**  
Outdoor learning day  
**11<sup>th</sup> October 2021**  
INSET Day – School closed  
**25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021**  
Half-term – School closed



### PE Day

PE days are Tuesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor).  
On **Thursdays** the children **need** to come dressed for outdoor PE in leggings/tracksuit trousers & trainers, with school uniform on top.

## **How you can help your child at home:**



We encourage you to speak to any member of the team to share your celebrations and concerns. If you need to speak to the teachers we are happy to meet you, but you will need to arrange this via the school office.

**Reading:** Share books with your child, using the weekly focus in their diaries. Please sign their diaries to show what reading they have been doing, we enjoy reading your comments and responding to them.

**Spelling/Phonics:** Keep practising all of the Floppy phonic sounds learnt so far as we will initially be revisiting them and then moving on to the next set of sounds.

**Maths:** Please help your child to practise writing the numbers 0 to 10 then extend to 20, and counting groups of objects using household items.

**We are very impressed with how well the children have settled into Year 1. Thank you for all your support so far!**

**Once Tapestry is up and running we will send you weekly updates about what we are focussing on each week.**

### Water Bottle

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school.



### Watch the weather!

Please send in hats while the weather is warm but also send in a coat when the weather starts to get unpredictable.



### Outdoor Learning Day

Year 1 will be having an outdoor learning day on **Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021**. Please can your child wear leggings/tracksuit trousers and trainers or wellies with a coat suitable for the weather. School sweatshirts/cardigans should be worn on top.