

Keystage 1 Newsletter

Welcome to the Autumn 1 term. We look forward to an exciting term with your children.

Maths- During the first half term the children will be working on place value and addition and subtraction strategies. Year 1 will be learning number bonds and Year 2 will begin learning their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

English- The children will be grouped for English. English groups will have their own spellings. Currently, if children are in Mrs Perry's group their spellings are on the school website but they will also be sent out in books. Children following the RWI scheme will have spellings set in their groups. We will also be doing lots of reading this term, especially reading for pleasure.

History – We are very excited to be launching our new History topic “Who was Charles Wicksteed?” The children will learn about Charles and his influence on our local community. We will visit Wicksteed park to explore the history of the park.

Art – Our art will see us making magic with colour! We'll be exploring the work of Frida Kahlo, an artist the children at St. Mary's know very well!

Science- Our young scientists will identify and name a variety of common plants, including garden plants, wild plants and trees, and those classified as deciduous and evergreen. We'll be utilising our school's very own forest school during this topic.

PSHE- Pupils will learn about online reputations, their place in the community, protective behaviours, friendships and the environment.

Homework

Spellings- Will be sent home on a Monday. The children should practise their spellings daily, writing them in their book. It is important that spelling books are in on Fridays as the children will be assessed on that week's spellings in the back of their

books. That way you can see which ones they still need to practice. The first date spellings will be sent out is 14th September.

Number bonds/times tables – these will be sent home on Mondays and children will be assessed on a Friday.

Arithmetic – Our Year 2 children will take home an arithmetic paper on Fridays and this will be due in on a Monday.

Reading - Your child will be reading daily in class through different subjects. Please ensure you listen to your child read, discuss and ask questions about the books, as often as possible during the week and note in their reading record that you have done so. The more their reading skills improve, the more opportunities open up to them. Reading is key to all learning.

Please ensure your child brings their reading book into school every day. The children earn Dojos for every time they read at home.

PE Kit – Children DO NOT need PE kit in school this term.

Key Stage 1 Team
Mrs Perry, Mr Savage, Mr Middleton