



# Year 1 Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2

It has been a pleasure working alongside your children and yourselves since the beginning of the academic year. The upcoming half term is going to be very exciting, we will have Safari Phil coming into school to teach us all about habitats and the children will have an opportunity to meet some of his fantastic critters too. There will be Christmas festivities to join in with and plenty of opportunities to learn and grow. Should you have any questions, please speak to a member of Year 1 staff at the beginning or end of the day, or alternatively speak to the office to arrange a suitable appointment.

Thank you, Miss Airey, Mrs Onley, Mrs O'Boyle and Miss Edwards.

### English

This half term our writing will be based on the book 'The Bog Baby' by Jeanne Willis. We will use this story to look at how to structure a narrative, how to write a setting description and we will be generating lots of fantastic sensory language through first-hand experiences.

### Maths

Our primary focus will be on addition and subtraction within numbers to 10. We will continue to consolidate all learning we have done on number so far, and will move onto work on 2D and 3D shapes towards the end of the term.

### RE

We will be investigating Christmas and why we give and receive gifts. In particular, we will be looking at why Christians believe that Jesus is a gift from God and how we can give gifts other than objects to show our core Christian value of love.

### Science

Our focus will be animals including humans. To begin with, we will continue our work looking at animals in particular, before moving onto exploring our senses and understanding the important jobs that our bodies do every day.

### Homework

Maths activities will be set weekly online via Purple Mash. A new set of spellings will be sent home weekly to practice. This will now be set on a Monday, ready for the spelling test on the following Monday.

### Reading Books

Children will have their reading books changed on a Monday. Reading books are sent home each day, please ensure that you are reading with your child as often as possible and are writing this into their reading record. In class, we read daily story books as developing a love for reading is hugely beneficial for all children.

### Geography

Our focus this half term is the local area. We will be exploring different features of Middleton and the surrounding areas. We will be discussing the difference between human and physical features alongside utilizing maps and aerial photographs to identify landmarks and increase our geographical skillset.

### Core Christian Value



Love



10<sup>th</sup> November - Armistice Service

13<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-bullying Week

17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need

27<sup>th</sup> November – Safari Phil Visit

21<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas Service at Church; break up







LOVE



RESPECT



RESILIENCE



ASPIRATIONS



TRUST



HONESTY



Dear Parents/Carers,

## WOOHOO... MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER IS ODD SOCKS DAY!

### WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

**Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week!** To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday 13th November. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. Andy Day (CBeebies/CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are supporting the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, Make a Noise.

### WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.



### WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?

It's so easy ☺ Here's what you do:

1. **Make sure your child wears odd socks to school**
2. **Donate £1 to help the Anti-Bullying Alliance carry on important work**
3. **If you want to, you can share a photo online using #OddSocksDay #AntiBullyingWeek and tag @abaonline and @AndyOddSock on Twitter. Or @antibullyingalliance and @andyandtheoddssocks on Instagram.**

Monday  
**13<sup>TH</sup>**  
November

### THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Every penny goes to the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help continue all their work. We can't wait to see all the Odd Socks on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November ...

If you have any questions please ask:



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