

Year one Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope you have had a fabulous half term. We were so pleased with how the children settled into Year One and are now looking forward to introducing a brand new Year One learning theme. After talking to the children about their interests we found Lego to be an absolute hit. We are very excited about the Lego workshop on Wednesday 14th November it promises to be a fabulous learning experience for the children.

English

Our writing for the first four weeks will be linked to Lego. We will be writing instructions and creating adventures for our Lego characters. We will be reinforcing the use of capital letters, full stops and finger spaces in all of our writing.



Mathematics

Children will be working on addition and subtraction leading into shape. We will continue to work on counting forward and counting back and recognition of teen numbers.



Design and Technology

Children will be designing and making a range of items this half term beginning with a new Lego character, a setting for a Lego story and then Christmas cards and calendars. Our settings will need boxes so if you have any shoe boxes they would be gratefully received.

Science

We begin with finding out about our bodies and thinking about the purpose of different parts. Then moving on to the senses. We have also been fortunate that each class will be visited by a group of Medical Students from Birmingham University who have worked with the children on a Teddy Bear hospital theme workshop. We will then be setting up some weather based experiments. Making predictions and performing simple tests.



Music

Children will begin learning the songs for the Year One Nativity.

PE

Thank you for returning all of the PE kits. PE continues to be on a Tuesday afternoon and a Thursday morning.

Reading Books

Thank you to everybody that supported the Year One Reading Challenge. It was great to see how motivated and enthusiastic the children were about their reading and this has definitely transferred into the classroom. It is so beneficial to all children if they can read daily even for just ten minutes. We really do appreciate your support with this.



PLEASE COULD ALL READING BOOKS BE KEPT IN YOUR CHILDS BOOK BAG. The books that we send home are part of a set and when books are not returned this has implications for future reading groups.

RE

We will be considering why it is important to listen to others and relate this to examples from the Bible. We will also consider how Islam teaches us about listening through stories in the Qur'an.

This will then lead into our theme of Expressing Joy through the Christmas story.

Computing

As a part of our Lego theme children will be following and writing instructions to build a range of models. They will be testing out the accuracy of these simple programs and debugging them as appropriate. They will also develop these skills using the iPad's.

Thank you for your continued support during the school Year. If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate in speaking to your child's teacher. Kind Regards The Year One Team.