

ASPIRE



Year 1 Half Termly Update Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. We hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday! We have had a great first week back and we are really enjoying getting to know your children. Thank you for coming to our meet the teacher sessions this week. This update will provide more information about what the children will be learning this half term as well as what our expectations for them are.

Year 1 is an exciting and important transition into key stage one and we are looking forward to supporting them on their journey.

English - Writing

As this is the first term of Year 1, we will be focusing on the writing basics.

These are: writing on the line, using capital letters, full stops and spaces between words. We using the book *The Cat in the Hat* to focus on writing rhyming words and phrases. We will learn to retell the Goldilocks and the three bears and begin to use it to write our own story.



English - Reading



The children will learn the important skills to help them with their reading. They will be placed in their allocated phonics groups where they will learn new sounds every day. They will also learn how to decode and segment words. Regular reading will help your child to become a more confident and fluent reader. Children must remember to bring home a reading book along with their reading diary which needs to be signed every day.

Maths

In maths this term, we are looking closely at numbers 1-10. We will be teaching children how to use their 1-1 correspondence to help them count accurately. We move on to learning to add and subtract using object and they will apply their counting skills to help them find the total. The children use concrete resources to help with their visualising and understanding of number. Some children will represent their number sentences using numerals and symbols.



Science

In Science, children will look at everyday materials. Children will learn to tell the difference between an object and the material from which it is made. They will also learn to identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock and describe the simple physical properties of these materials. At home it would be great if you could discuss different items around the house and what you think they might be made from.

Geography

This half term we are studying a geography topic called 'Me and my Memories'. We will be focusing on all about ourselves and the local area of Archway. We will learn the four countries that make up the United Kingdom and begin to learn that not everyone lives in a city like London.



PSHE - Zones of Regulation

This half term we will be learning about The Zones of Regulation. This programme aims to teach children strategies to help them to identify their emotions and cope with these feelings so they can get back to feeling calm and ready to learn.



P.E.

Children have PE on a Tuesday with Ellis. He will teach the children all the different skills they need to know in the curriculum. Make sure your children come into school with their PE uniform which is a white tshirt and navy or black shorts/ jogging bottoms. Please encourage your child to dress themselves at home so that they can be independent when they change into their PE kit at school.



Music

The children have music on Tuesday with our music teacher Lena. They will learn to hold a steady beat and sing in the same pitch as an adult. They will begin to use simple percussion instruments such as chime bars.

Homework

Please find time to support your child with their homework. They will be given five spellings each week to practise and then they will have a spelling test on Wednesdays. Don't forget to remind them to login to Doodlemaths to complete their tasks.