

YEAR ONE'S HALF-TERMLY NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2

Last half term we saw Year One adapt so resiliently to the move up to Year One. They have enjoyed opportunities for 'Free choice' (which will continue to be available this half term) and moved onto our Year One curriculum with a thirst for learning. We are really looking forward to the magical half term ahead as we lead up to Christmas!

Mrs Markwick, Mr Dawn & Mr Collins
(Mrs Gibson Tuesday mornings)

PE KIT

PE will continue to take place on **Wednesday** afternoons. Please continue to send your child to school in their PE kit on Wednesdays. We will use the hall for our dance sessions this half term as the weather begins to grow colder.

Reading

We will send two reading books home once they have completed these books in their Read Write Inc group. It is vital that your child has their reading pack in their book bag on this day in order to change them. We highly recommend supplementing the two books with online books at www.oxfordowl.com or from a library. Re-reading books has also been shown to be greatly beneficial for many aspects of reading.

Please try to hear your child read at least 5 times a week. It is part of the home-school agreement to read frequently at home, and this makes a big difference in many aspects of your child's development.

Book Bags

Please ensure that your child's book bag has their reading pack in each day. Inside the pack should **only** be: their 2 school reading books, diary and any letters to be returned. Your child will remove this pack from their bag in the morning and place it into their colour box; this makes daily routines such as handing letters out and hearing readers much more efficient.

Home-time

A reminder that for safeguarding purposes, you must inform a member of staff (preferably the class teacher) if you wish your child to be collected by an adult that does not usually collect them.

E-safety focus this half term:



MEET

Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk

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There is no class worship for Year 1 this half term as we will perform our Nativity on Wednesday 17th December.
Jesus said, 'Come follow me, live your lives the way God wants you to.'

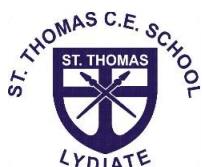


Year One Curriculum Map

In the second autumn term, we will be learning about:

Maths We will continue to follow the Singapore ‘Maths No Problem’ approach. We will complete our work on addition and subtraction within ten before moving onto a unit on numbers to twenty. Following this, we will explore number bonds and addition and subtraction within twenty. We will continue to use Numicon amongst other apparatus to support their visualisation of mathematics and strengthen their ability to reason.	English In English we will continue to follow Read Write Inc’ for phonics and reading in small groups. We will then complete writing lessons based upon the text Rapunzel by Bethan Woollvin. We will focus on forming clear sentences with consistent use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will work on building their ability to form their own sentences and record these with increasing independence.		RE In RE, we will look at two units, “My World, Jesus’ World’ and “Christmas. Why do we give and receive gifts?” Pupils will explore the differences between Jesus’ world 2000 years ago and our world now. We will also deepen the children’s understanding of the true meaning of Christmas through emphasising that Jesus was a gift from God
History “Kings, Queens and Leaders” This half term we will learn all about leaders of our country. We will find out how and why parliament began and question what it means to be a good leader.	Geography N/A this half term, we will continue to retrieve skills and knowledge.		Science This half term we will learn about how scientists group and classify animals based on characteristics such as diet. We will learn to categorise animals as mammals, amphibians, fish, birds and reptiles.
PE This half term we will focus on creating a dance to the theme ‘Animals’. They will develop cooperation skills as they produce a piece of paired choreography, mirroring their movements in unison.	Computing We will spend a full day focusing on computing. We will learn about “Digital Painting”. We will revise and refine our mouse skills by recreating artwork digitally. We will begin to explain choices when using digital tools for specific purposes.		Music The Liverpool Cathedral will continue to lead weekly singing lessons with us. This will take place on Monday mornings. On Monday 1st December we will perform for parents in the hall at 10:45am.
Design Technology We will create moving pictures in small groups with Mrs Lockley.	MFL We will learn to pronounce and read colours in French.	PSHE My Happy mind: celebrate The Celebrate module is focused on introducing the evidence-based theory that we all have different Character Strengths and that, by understanding what they are and then using them as much as possible, we can be at our best!	

We will also spend some time preparing a Nativity Production, details to be confirmed.



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Home Learning Menu

Year 1 Autumn 2 History (Kings and Queens)

Get Creative

Create your own crown jewels using recycled materials.

You could make:

- an orb
- a sceptre
- a crown



Visit the link to see clear pictures:

<https://www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london/history-and-stories/the-crown-jewels/#gs.kd8afp>

Oh, the places you'll go!

Visit Buckingham Palace VIRTUALLY!

*Please note, some details may be out of date following the death of Queen Elisabeth II

<https://www.royal.uk/virtual-tours-buckingham-palace>



Time to Teach



Can you teach someone about the Crown Jewels and their hidden symbols?

Perhaps you could act out the Coronation of

King Charles III which will take place next year!

If you have been creative and made your own Crown Jewels, you could use these as props!

Reason to Research

Can you research the life of another King or Queen?

How did they come into power?

Did they seem like a fair ruler? Why?



Ready to Report

Create an information leaflet that could be distributed by the Crown Jewels display in the Tower of London. You could use SeeSaw to create an electronic version. If you have made your own Crown Jewels, you could create your own display complete with leaflets!

Alternatively, create a biography of the life of your favourite King or Queen.



Have it your own way!

Explore the topic further in any way you choose!

Use our Curriculum Map and Knowledge Organisers on our class webpage to find out more about our studies this half term, including other subjects too!

Please bring in any completed projects or upload to Seesaw to celebrate with the class.