



Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn 2022



Pennyman
Primary Academy

Welcome to our autumn newsletter!

We want to share with you some of the fantastic things we will be getting up to in Year 1 in the academy this term.

Year 1 English

During the first weeks of the Autumn term year 1 will be exploring a variety of texts through our class zones and in English lessons. The children will be listening to, retelling and describing characters from the Three Little Pigs story. We are continuing to encourage the children to write their own names and write for a purpose at every opportunity in the zones.

If you could encourage your children to write and draw at home this would help them become more confident with their letter formation and pencil control.

Spellings will be announced later this term.

Year 1 Maths

During the first week back we have investigated measuring the height of objects using standard and non standard measures.

Throughout the Autumn term year 1 will be focussing on recognising, counting, writing and ordering numbers to 20 and beyond.

We will begin counting in 2's, 5's and 10's through songs and games.

Encouraging your children to recognise numbers whilst out and about is a great way of reinforcing their recognition of numbers. Counting objects and playing with coins can also help your child's understanding of number greatly.

Year 1 Wider Curriculum

P.E: This term in P.E we are focusing on throwing and catching, running and jumping to build up to the children applying these skills during invasion games such as dodge ball.

P.E is every Friday; full kits must be worn.

D.T: Later this term we will be exploring healthy foods and how to make vegetable soup. You could prepare children for this by demonstrating how to prepare vegetables safely.

R.E: During the Autumn term year 1 will discover what it means to be a Christian and how Christians celebrate Harvest.

History: Year 1 are excited to explore their history from the past 100 years including how toys, technology, transport, school and holidays have changed compared to their lives today

Geography: We will be investigating the local area, landmarks and creating maps of our local area. You can help by introducing your children to local landmarks you see when out and about such as the transporter bridge, Transporter Bridge etc.

Year 1 Science

During the Autumn term year 1 will be investigating Seasons. Through their investigations the children will learn the main signs and features of the season as well as their differences. We will be collecting natural items from outside to explore the changes that occur within nature, especially leaves, conkers, acorns, pine cones etc.

As well as seasonal changes the children will explore weather and climates across the world. To help the children with their investigation it would be nice for you to go for an autumn walk to collect any natural items that signify the changing seasons and autumn.

Year 1 Homework

The children will bring home three reading books each week, one levelled reading book, a phonic group reading book and a cuddle book. The first two are for your child to read to you to reinforce what they have been taught in school during phonic and reading lessons. The 'Cuddle Books' are for you to read to your child to encourage enjoyment of books and story telling. If you could share these it would be greatly appreciated.

We ask that you try to read with your children 3 times a week.

Reading books will be changed on Tuesday and Thursdays- if they have read the book more than twice. 😊

Year 1 Other information

Tuesday 13th September is Roald Dahl Day- the children will be exploring the famous authors works.

Tuesday 7th October, Poetry Day-

Year 1 will be taking part in a full, fun day relating to poetry and their favourite poets.

