



Bishop Tufnell CE Schools

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Learning together, to serve God, His world and His people.
Always our best because everyone matters.



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YEAR 1 AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

September 2017

Welcome back! We hope the children had a lovely holiday and are enjoying the challenges of the new school year. Well done to all those children who are coming in on their own in the morning. At the end of the day the children will come out to the gate with the class teacher.

Our Topic this half term is 'Food Glorious Food'. Through this topic we will look at our food, healthy eating and where our food comes from. We will be visiting Tesco Superstore in Littlehampton to investigate and find out interesting facts about our food; we may even get to try some! Please see the separate letter sent out earlier this week regarding this trip. If your child has an allergy, please inform the class teacher.

We will be looking at changes in the weather during the autumn season using weather equipment. Our harvest festival service will be coming up in October. Maybe your child could observe and record changes of the weather over the course of a week. Have a look at our website if you would like more details.

The next half term our topic is based on a beautiful book called The Angel and the Soldier Boy.

During Literacy we will be reading a variety of core texts, fiction and non-fiction associated with the topics. To help with handwriting please to encourage the correct formation of letters – a copy of our handwriting script is available should you require one. Playing games like "I Spy" helps enormously to reinforce initial sounds.

Reading with your child daily is one of the best and most rewarding activities. Your continued support with your child's reading is greatly appreciated; please continue to record your comments in the reading diary as these are very helpful. Children will continue to self-select reading books daily or when they have completed a book within a coloured band; however each band does contain a range of texts varying in degree of challenge. Sometimes children enjoy a text that they can enjoy comfortably thereby allowing them to consolidate their skills, other times more challenging text introduces them to new vocabulary. Guided Reading and R.I.C. Sessions will continue to encourage "book talk" which serves to develop comprehension skills.

Grouped Phonics lessons will take place daily and spellings will be sent home each Friday, ready for a spelling test the following week.

Daily Maths lessons will continue to take place with the weekly Maths Challenge serving to consolidate learning in school by suggesting activities you can do at home with your child. In Maths we will be counting, ordering and writing numbers and will begin to learn number bonds to 10 and 20 (e.g. 7 + 3, 1 + 9). We will continue to practice adding and subtracting. We will also be looking at shapes and their properties. Each Friday the children will bring home a Maths and Literacy Challenge, with activities you can do at home.

All Year 1 children will take part in Forest School with Mrs D. Martin during this year. This happens throughout the year on Thursdays, whatever the weather. Your child will need a change of clothes including suitable footwear and coats that can get muddy. Class teachers will notify you when you child will be taking part. Without a change of clothes they will not be able to join in.



On the housekeeping front, *please* make sure your child's clothing and lunchboxes are CLEARLY labelled (saves a lot of time if jumpers etc. are mislaid, especially after P.E.!) Please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school ALL week. P.E. days are as follows: Silver Birch Class: Tuesday and Thursday, Chestnut Class: Wednesday and Thursday, Maple Class: Tuesday and Thursday. We will be doing PE outside every week so the children will need named track suits and trainers, as well as the usual shorts and t-shirt.

We look forward to seeing you at 'Drop Ins' and Class Assemblies. Should you have any worries or concerns, please come and talk to us. Please make an after-school appointment with your child's teacher if you need a lengthy chat.

Parent/ Grandparent Helpers:

We have an exciting and busy term ahead and would love to hear from any of you who could spare an hour or so to help in the classroom...even if it's not on a regular basis. Please consider it and have a word with the class teacher. A DBS check (previously called CRB) will have to be completed online through our school office, please contact the school office.

During the year we will need to ask for voluntary contributions towards our Hindu Story Teller (Spring Term), Amberley Museum Trip (Spring term) and The Go Wild Experience – with their exotic animals. These experiences provide the children with rich learning experiences, however these are voluntary contributions.

We will also be learning some Working with Others (WWO) skills to help us in our daily lives, such as sorting problems and becoming more confident. We will also be focusing on listening and using turn taking skills as well as working in random groups.

We are all looking forward to working with you and your children during this exciting new school year.

Kind regards.

Mrs S Martin
Year 1 Leader