

Year One
Autumn One newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful Summer break.

During this half term, our learning is based on a book 'Funnybones' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. Please see the curriculum overview overleaf to see the skills we will be covering this half term and how to help your child at home.

Staff Working With Your Child:

These are the following teachers and other adults who will be working with your child this year:

Teachers	Other Adults
Mrs Ali/Miss Jacques	Mrs Hasan
Mrs Choudhury/Ms Sharma	Mr Ismaieel
Mrs Anwar	Mrs Begum
Mrs Steyn	Mrs Ahmed

Reminders:

- As always, good attendance and punctuality is essential to maintain good progress.
- PE lessons are on **Tuesday mornings**. Please ensure that your child has a suitable kit that is brought in at the start of the week ready for the lesson.
- Library sessions are weekly on **Wednesday afternoons** so please ensure your child is ready to return their library book on this day.
- Please ensure your child comes to school every day with their **book bag** and **home reading book**.
- Send your child to school with a **named water bottle** to drink from throughout the day.
- Please make sure that **all items of uniform** are **clearly labelled**.

Homework:

- Please encourage and support your child to read at home. We expect all Y1 children to be reading at home **every day**. We will monitor your child's reading record to ensure they are reading at home and that the reading record is being signed by an adult.
- **Homework books** will be sent out every **Friday** and are expected to be back in school by the following **Wednesday**. Please support your child by discussing and sharing ideas. Please make sure the work is completed by your child.

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to know more information about this half term's learning and how to support your child, please feel free to speak to us at the end of the day, where we are more than happy to help.

We look forward to working with you and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Literacy

This half term the children will be focusing on the storybook 'Funnybones'. Children will learn how to write lists, labels, captions and instructions. Children will begin to understand the structure of stories and start to write their own.

How to help your child at home:

- Read and listen to a variety of stories at home
- Ask questions about the stories
- Visit the library
- Practise Phonics at home – reading real and nonsense words

Maths

This term the children will be focusing on consolidating their understanding of 'Number'. They will be counting; forwards and backwards, finding one more or one less than a given number and ordering numbers, using numbers up to 100. Children will be Identifying and representing numbers using objects and pictures. Children will then add and subtract small amounts of objects and record their findings using number sentences.

How to help your child at home:

- Number songs and games
- Reading and counting using numbers up to 100
- Add and subtract using objects
- Add and subtract, recording their findings.

Science

This term Year 1 will be exploring Animals and Humans. In the first half term we will be focusing on identifying different parts of the body, labelling them and explaining how we use in our everyday lives.

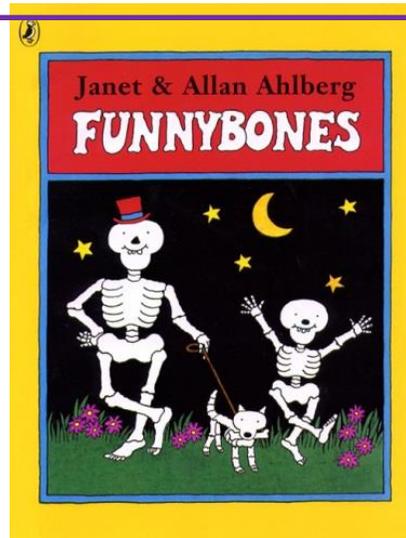
Children will then focus on identifying and naming a variety of common animals which will link into our second book in Autumn Two, 'Owl Babies'.

How to help your child at home:

- Name parts of the human body
- Explore the five sense; taste, touch, sight, smell and hearing.
- Identify a variety of animals including, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.

Computing

The children will become 'Treasure Hunters'. They will program a toy to move around a treasure map in order to find the hidden treasure. Children will learn about position and direction and use the correct vocabulary to help them navigate.



Music/PSHE/Circle Time/RE

Children will participate in weekly music, PSHE and R.E lessons. The weekly lessons will allow children to talk about current affairs and develop expressing their feelings and opinions.

In R.E, children will learn about the concept of belonging and how we all belong to different groups.

Geography

The children will be learning to recognise specific landmarks. They will use aerial photographs to identify; villages, cities, oceans, rivers and mountains. Children will learn to use a simple map and make their own, constructing basic symbols to use as a key.

Art

This term we will be exploring the artist 'Pablo Picasso'. The children will be observing his works, finding out what inspired him and why he has become such a prominent great artist all around the world. We shall be developing our own drawing, painting and creative skills.

PE

During this half term, children will be developing their fundamental movement skills through: ball skills, gymnastic skills, developing spatial awareness and aiming for targets correctly.

Children will be taught P.E in their colour houses to promote teamwork.