



Gilbertstone Primary School

Year 1 Autumn 2 Newsletter



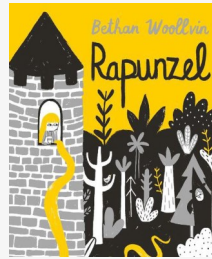
Welcome back!

We hope you all had a lovely break and were able to make the most of the autumnal weather. We really enjoyed meeting with you all at parent's evening and are ready for another exciting half term in Year 1, especially in the build up to Christmas!

Literacy

This half term we will be reading the story 'Rapunzel' by Bethan Woolvin.

As part of this, we will be writing our own narratives and instructions based on the story.



Children will continue to learn how to build simple sentences. They will also learn how to use the correct suffix endings (ing, ed or er) for verbs.

Reading

Children will take part in daily Guided Reading and phonics sessions, working on phase 4 and 5 sounds.

Please remember to read with your child and fill in their orange home reading diary.



Maths

In Maths this half term we are going to be exploring addition and subtraction within 10. This learning will include part whole models, missing number problems and fact families. Please ensure children are completing their weekly Maths homework.



Science

In Science, we will be conducting different experiments to check the properties of different materials. We will also explore our surrounding area to find examples of each material.



Wider Curriculum

This half term we will have a focus on History and Art. In History, we will learn more about our personal chronology, as well as events that have happened within the children's living memory. In Art, children will develop their observational drawing skills through mark making. They will apply their skills to a collaborative piece using music as a stimulus and investigate artists Bridget Riley and Zaria Forman.



PE

Year 1 children will have indoor PE on a **Tuesday**, which is taught alongside Mr Hetherington. Our topic for this half term is 'dance'. During these lessons, the children will develop their travelling actions, movement skills and balancing to create short dance phrases.

Outdoor PE will take place on a **Wednesday**. Our outdoor topic is 'Sending and Receiving', which teaches children how to control passes with different balls.

Please come to school in your PE kit.



Anti Bullying Week

During the week commencing the 10th November 2025, we will be raising the profile of bullying in school by taking part in anti-bullying week. The theme this year is 'Power for Good'. In Year 1, we will be exploring the story 'Willy the Wimp' by Anthony Browne. We will also be taking part in '**Odd Socks Day**' on Monday the 10th and '**Friendship Friday**' on Friday 15th, where children are invited to come in non-uniform.



Halloween Disco

The children had a fabulous time at the Halloween Disco before we broke for half term! It was wonderful to see them all joining in with the games, singing and of course dancing! A big thank you to the adults for their amazing costumes too!

PATHS

In PATHS this half term the children will be learning about the feelings scared, afraid and mad. The children will explore what these emotions may feel and look like and understand that all feelings are ok. Twiggle will teach the children a strategy to use if they need to calm down which he calls the 'turtle'.

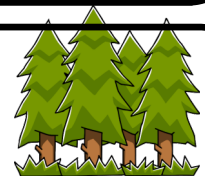


Forest School

Year 1 children will have Forest School once each half term.

1W will have Forest School on **Friday 12th December**

1P will have Forest School on **Monday 8th December**



In Forest School this half term, children will be creating their own cheerio bird feeders, as well as exploring other woodland wildlife.

Thank you for your support!

Mrs Peace/Mrs Begum Mrs Wilkinson
Miss Murphy Mrs Keyani

