



Gilbertstone Primary School

Year 1 Autumn 1 Newsletter



Hello and welcome to Year 1

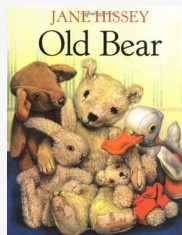
The summer holidays feel like a distant memory now, but the children have already made a great start to Year 1 and have settled into their new routines well. We are excited to share all of the lovely learning that we will be doing this half term so you can best support your child at home.

Literacy

This half term we will be reading the story 'Old Bear' by Jane Hissey.

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

Children will be learning how to build simple sentences and doing lots of oral rehearsal before recording. They will also learn how to use capital letters (including for names) and full stops.



Phonics

Children will take part in daily phonics lessons recapping Phase 3 sounds.

Keep an eye out for a letter regarding a phonics workshop for you to attend alongside your child.

Reading

As well as daily phonics sessions, children will also take part in daily Guided Reading. Each week we will focus on a reading skill in order to support your child's comprehension. Initially, we will focus on 'retrieval'- finding the answer within the text. Please ensure reading diaries are in school on the correct day and are being filled out regularly so children can earn some fantastic rewards!



Maths

In Maths this half term we are going to be exploring place value within 10. This will include sorting, counting, 1 more, 1 less, less than, greater than, equal to and comparing and ordering numbers.



Science

In Science this half term, we will learn about the four seasons and the weather associated with each. The children will also kickstart their learning by making their own weather mobile!



Wider Curriculum

This half term we will have a focus on Geography and Design and Technology. In Geography, we will learn more about our local area, locating features and creating maps. In D&T, we will be designing and making our very own pencil pots as part of our topic 'Stable Structures'.



PE

Year 1 children will have indoor PE on a **Wednesday**. Our topic for this half term is 'fundamentals'. Fundamentals improves children's basic PE skills, including the ability to run, balance and jump.

Outdoor PE will take place on a **Tuesday**. Our outdoor topic is 'Ball Skills', which teaches children how to use and control a ball both with their hands and feet.

Please come to school in the correct PE kit.

PE Kits (reminder)

- Trainers or pumps
- Black or navy joggers, leggings, shorts
- White, grey or black t-shirt
- Black, navy or grey plain hoodie or jumper (school jumpers are also acceptable).

Forest School



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

1S will have Forest School on **18th September**

1P will have Forest School on **14th September**

In Forest School this half term, children will be completing a range of bushcraft activities.

Homework Expectations

Children will soon receive their first pieces of homework. Children will be sent home with a yellow homework folder every Friday containing spelling and maths homework. Please complete and return by the following Wednesday.



Important dates

1P Phonics workshop- Tuesday 22nd September (parents invited to attend)

National fitness day- Wednesday 23rd September

1S Phonics workshop- Tuesday 29th September (parents invited to attend)

NSCPCC- Kindness challenge day

Black History Month- October

School Photos-Monday 19th October

Year 1 & 2 Halloween disco- Thursday 22nd October



Thank you for your support!

Year 1 Team

