



Dear families,

Welcome to autumn term in Year 1. We have an exciting term ahead!

The adults supporting your children in class are as follows:

1S: Miss Smith, Mrs Goody, Mrs Collier and Mrs Cosgrove

1M: Mrs Matthews, Mrs Malkin and Mrs Bird

PE days are **Mondays and Tuesdays**. Please send your children into school in their school P.E kit on these days.

Read on below to find out what your children will be learning this term.

English

This term we will be exploring the story 'The Three Little Pigs.' Throughout the model text we will be focusing on character description using adjectives, verbs and prepositions to describe both the characters and their actions throughout the story. After half term, we will be focusing on instruction writing. The children will be writing their own instructions and following them to make an exciting creation. Throughout these units, we will be exploring the texts through different mediums, including; drama, writing, creative lessons and many more engaging activities.

Phonics

Using our phonics scheme called Read Write Inc, the children will be learning new sounds and accessing challenging storybooks to support the building of fluency and accuracy when reading. Children will also have the opportunity to learn and apply writing skills during these sessions. To support your child at home, it is integral to read with them **daily** to support accuracy and fluency.

To support your child with phonics at home, below are some useful websites.

[PhonicsPlay - Resources](#)

[Oxford Owl for School and Home](#)

Maths

During the Autumn term, we will start our focus on recognising numbers, number formation and being able to make a given number. We will also be working on place value within 10-20 through both practical, pictorial and written activities. Towards the second half of the term, we will use these skills, and apply them to the following unit of addition and subtraction. After that we will be starting our Geometry unit focusing on shape.

Science

In science this term, we will be focusing on the parts of the human body and exploring the role of the five senses and why they are important. Throughout the year, we will also be looking at the seasons and how they change throughout the school year.

Geography

As part of our Geography learning this term, we are going to be exploring and finding human and physical features of our school. In addition to this, we will be exploring the local area of Prettygate and Colchester, comparing their similarities and differences.

Computing

We will be working on discovering the technology around us in our unit 'Computing Systems and Networks' as well as digital painting in our 'Creating Media' unit.

Art

In art this term, we will be creating self-portraits using a variety of mediums and exploring the artwork of Pablo Picasso. We will then explore the artwork from Vincent Van Gogh and create our own 'Starry Night' inspired landscape painting.

Music

As part of our music learning, we will be using a programme called 'Charanga' and our unit will be 'My Musical Heartbeat'.

PSHE

As part of our PSHE learning this term, we will be discussing rules and responsibilities linked to our shared values of ambition, respect and kindness as well as our Jigsaw unit 'Being me in my world'.

PE

Our units will be 'Fundamentals', 'Ball Skills', 'Dance' and 'Team Building'.

RE

We will be exploring the faiths of Christianity, Hinduism and Judaism by using our 5 senses as well as celebrating difference.