



Welcome back, everyone! A new school year has begun and everyone has made a super start. Things are quite different in Year 1 compared to life in EYFS however, I am very impressed with how well our children have settled into their new class. In Year 1 this term we have lots of exciting things planned and here is a quick summary of what we have to look forward to and a couple of reminders and notes regarding routines and procedures. If anyone has any questions or queries please don't hesitate to let me know, either by ringing school or you can email me j.bulmer103@ststephenscofe@durham.sch.uk and I will respond as soon as I can.

Book bags

Please can children bring a book bag every day and return the RWI books every day, as these books are changed daily. We have a limited number of books in school and all RWI books are given out to all children in the group daily. If books are not returned each day it means that someone does not get a book to take home that night. Please be mindful of this and return books and bags each day. Completed homework and supplementary reading books will be collected in each Friday in Class and new books and tasks issued. Spellings will be checked each Friday and the spelling sheets will come home each Friday for you to see how children have done with their spellings.

Our theme for this term is "God's wonderful works of art"

We are finding out about ourselves and how our bodies work, grow and change and how we look after ourselves. We will be looking at how our world changes as Autumn time arrives and also find out about different kinds of animals. Children will be given an opportunity to develop their drawing skills in Art, looking closely at lines, shapes and patterns in the things we observe in our natural world and also their designing and making skills, making models with moving parts using simple hinges and joints. In English we are enjoying poetry, stories about different characters and familiar situations and using non fiction books for find information. In maths we are exploring numbers in our number system, looking at shapes and measurement in both practical situations and in more formal contexts. Children will develop their understanding of place and time by looking at our own personal history and comparing to what things were like for children a long time ago. We will develop map skills and an understanding of space and position by looking and making simple maps and plans of familiar places.

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PE DAYS

We do PE every Wednesday and children can come to school in their sport's clothes ready for either indoor or outdoor PE. We have a second PE session on Thursday morning. Children get changed in school for this PE session therefore all children must have a PE kit in school each week, which will be kept in their locker. Please make sure children come to school every Wednesday and Thursday with their earrings removed as children are not permitted to do PE wearing earrings or other jewellery items.

WATER

Please could children bring a water bottle each day.

LITERACY TARGETS FOR AUTUMN TERM

Writing— To develop the sense of a sentence, using capital letters and full stops .

Reading— To retell a story they have read. To share experiences that have happened to them in relation to books read.

Ways you can help:

1. **Have fun with words**—Encourage your child to write for any reason at any time. Writing a card for Grandma or writing the shopping list is a great way of making writing meaning.

2. **Reading around**—Words are everywhere so try to encourage your child to read signposts, labels and menus etc. It really will make a difference. Enjoy **bedtime stories**, asking the children to retell stories you have read to them as well as books they have read themselves.

NUMERACY TARGETS FOR AUTUMN TERM

Count reliably at least 20 objects. Say what is 1 more or 1 less than a number to 100. Say the number that is 10 more or 10 less than a number to 100,

Count on and back in ones from any small number, and in tens from and back to zero.

Ways you can help:

1. **Play with numbers**— Encourage your child to count forwards, backwards, in tens, fives, two's and threes.

2. **Maths is everywhere**— Encourage children to problem solve in everyday life. How many more forks do we need to set the table? Can you half the biscuits?

Diary Dates

Mon 26 th Sep	<u>3.15pm Maths Methods meeting for parent - KS1</u>
Mon 3 rd Oct	<u>3.15pm RWI meeting for Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and selected children accessing the programme</u>
W/b 10 th Oct	<u>Book Fayre</u>
Tue 18 th Oct	<u>10am - Open Worship 'Harvest'</u>
Tue 18 th Oct	<u>'Harvest Thanksgiving Day'</u>
Wed 19 th Oct	<u>Disco</u> Reception, Year 1, Year 2 - 3.15pm-4.15pm
Thu 20 th Oct	<u>Photographer in school</u>
Fri 21 st Oct	<u>Last day of Autumn 1</u>
Mon 31 st Oct	<u>First day of Autumn 2</u>
Mon 7 th Nov	<u>Parents Evening</u> -Nursey, Reception, Years 1 and 2
14 th - 18 th Nov	<u>Anti-Bullying week</u>
21 st - 24 th Nov	<u>ASSESSMENT WEEK in school</u>
Fri 25 th Nov	School Closed - Staff Well-being day
Fri 2 nd Dec	<u>'Cinderella' Pantomime</u>
W/b 5 th Dec	<u>PERFORMANCE WEEK</u> Key Stage 1 (Classes 1 & 2) - Tues. 6 th Dec - 1.30pm - Thur. 8 th Dec - 10.30am
Fri 9 th Dec	<u>Christmas Jumper Day</u>
Fri 9 th Dec	<u>Christmas dinner for children and staff</u>
12 th - 15 th Dec	<u>CHRISTMAS PARTY WEEK</u> Class 1 & 2 - Tuesday 13 th December - 1.00pm - 3.15pm
Fri 16 th Dec	<u>Reports go home</u>
Mon 19 th Dec	<u>10am - Carol Service at St Stephen's Church</u>
Tue 20 th Dec	<u>Last day of Autumn term - SCHOOL BREAKS UP FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</u>