



Framwellgate Moor Primary School

Year 1 Parents Newsletter

Term: Autumn 2021



Welcome to Year 1! We hope you had a lovely summer. We are really looking forward to getting to know you all and we hope to have an exciting and productive year!

Transition from Reception to Year 1:

Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from the Foundation Stage to Key Stage One, as well as generally settling back into the school routine after this time off. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Reception. Learning through play will continue to be an important part of the school day, and the children will gradually be eased into more formal learning as the year progresses so that they remain motivated, enthused and eager learners. We will now follow the new National Curriculum for Year 1 and learn through a variety of topics.

English: Our main focus this term is stories with familiar settings. We will begin by focussing on the author **Jill Murphy** (A piece of cake, 5 Minutes of Peace, Mr Large in Charge) before moving onto **Julia Donaldson** (Superworm, The Ugly Five, The Smartest Giant) exploring characters, settings, emotions and more. Children will be encouraged to act out and discuss stories, as well as develop their sequencing skills. Along with these authors, we begin to discuss non-fiction and poetry texts. We will continue to develop the quick recognition of new sounds within words during daily phonics sessions. Computer programs and websites will also be used. We will take part in role-play activities and circle times to develop speaking and listening skills.

A good website for phonics games is www.phonicsplay.co.uk – then select free phonicsplay.

Maths: We will be doing lots of number work during this term, revisiting topics to rebuild on from last year. The areas we will focus upon include counting, recognising numbers, addition and subtraction within 10/20 and beginning to recognise and discuss the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We will also be learning addition facts to make amounts such as 5,6,10 and 20. We will be using a range of practical resources in order to help us do so.

A good website for all areas of Maths work is [Key Stage 1 Maths - Topmarks Search](#)

Science: This term we will be learning about different parts of our bodies and our five senses of smell, sight, touch, taste and hearing. Children will be able to label our main body parts and write about what they are used for. We will also learn about animals and how they can be categorized into mammals, reptiles, fish etc. As the term progresses, we will look at seasonal changes from Summer to Autumn and Autumn to Winter. We partake in lots of practical based investigations in Science and try to bring the learning to life!

Creativity: During Music the children will be exploring duration, rhythm and pulse by singing a range of songs and by using instruments to produce their own sounds. These sessions will be taught by our music teacher.

Art/DT: We will be looking at formal elements of art, for example, line and colour. Also linking nicely with one of our science topics, we will be experimenting with a range of materials in order to do so and exploring the different textures of these.

Geography: We will be creating maps of our classroom, following maps around the school grounds and drawing our route to school. We will be taking lots of pictures and talking about the differences between physical and human features around school.

History: The focus will be history within our living memory e.g. memories we have from being a baby and growing up. We will then be looking at our family history and comparing these.

Computing: Children will continue to learn about keeping safe whilst using the internet. The children will learn that sometimes websites ask us for information which should be kept private and how to handle such requests. We will also be designing posters, using Beebots linked to our local area and using cameras and Ipad across the curriculum.

R.E: Our topic focus this term will be 'All about Christianity'. Children will have the opportunity to look at the features of a church, as well as finding out about how and why Harvest is celebrated.

PSHE: The work this half term will all be about 'being me in my world' looking at the importance of feeling special and safe in our world. They will utilise lots of speaking and listening skills with their teacher and peers in order to enhance their development.

P.E: Children will be participating in games, gymnastics and dance this half term. One session a week will be taught by a specialist coach. Please can all children ensure they have PE shoes in school as soon as possible. Sessions may be outdoors this term weather permitting. **PE days are Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.** Please ensure ALL parts of the P.E kit are labelled clearly as mix ups can occur.

How you can help at home / Extra Information:

You can support maths skills by counting objects you come across (leaves, socks etc), you could ask what is one more/one less than that number. You could practise reading short words and sentences together and ask questions as you read to your child, to ensure they understand the text too.

To support our topic work, talk to your child about **Body Parts** and encourage them to name some of these on the way to school. What are these body parts used for?

Homework:

The children will bring home a phonics reading book and workbook. Once completed please return it to school on your allocated day where it will be exchanged for the next one in the series on the following day (more information will be sent out soon). We will also send home a school reading book and reading record. We are happy to change these books whenever they are returned to school. Children will bring home weekly words to learn on a spelling 'look say cover' sheet. Spelling sheets and test books will be sent home every **Friday**. Children will be tested on these spellings the following **Thursday**. Please make sure to take time to practice these with your child. Children will also bring home a free choice school library book. We will arrange a session each week to visit the library to change books once up and running.

Maths homework will be set on dbprimary on **Fridays** and will be an online game which can be completed on a home computer / ipad. We are just waiting for login details for your child. Once these are sorted, a letter will be sent home explaining how to complete this homework and this will **begin WC Monday 13th September** and it is to be completed and **brought back every Tuesday**, homework packs will be marked and changed (if needed) and **handed back out every Wednesday**. Reading books can be changed anything through the week.

P.E:

P.E. will be on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** this term. Children should have socks and trainers or plimsolls for PE. It would be beneficial if they have a pair that are named and can be left in school for the whole term. Please ensure all clothing and footwear is named as mix-ups can occur during changing.

Show and Tell:

Show and tell will take place on a **Friday afternoon**.

Please ensure children bring a bag to school each day for letters and any other items to send home.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us!

Class teachers: Miss Thompson, Miss Storey, Mrs Brooks

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