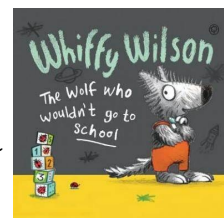


Year One Autumn 1 Newsletter

Welcome back, everyone!



We hope you all had a fantastic summer break. We have a fun-filled half term ahead, and we can't wait to start our new learning journey. The Year 1 classrooms received a makeover this summer and are now filled with exciting new areas of provision for the children to explore. Each area of the classroom will be linked to a specific area of the curriculum, allowing children to independently practice the skills they've learned in class.

For this half term, we will be using the beloved 'Drawing Club' during our writing lessons. We'll also be comparing pictures of ourselves from the past to now, exploring how we have changed over time. It would be wonderful if you could send a few pictures of your child as a baby and as a toddler via Tapestry for them to compare. In Science, we will also be learning about our bodies, particularly our senses, and creating self-portraits using collage techniques. If you have any old magazines lying around that you would like to donate for this project, please bring them to school as soon as possible.

What we will be learning about:

- Ourselves, and how we have changed since we were babies
- The concept of the past and how things were different or the same
- Technology around us and how we use technology every day
- Why certain stories are important for religious believers
- The human body and exploring our senses
- How to draw and create a self-portrait using collage techniques
- The importance of exercise and how to keep fit and healthy
- Place value and numbers to 10
- How to sort and count objects
- Addition and subtraction within 10
- Using capital letters, fingers spaces and full stops in our writing
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Useful Websites:

These websites will support your child with their learning.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

<https://play.numbots.com/?>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

You can help at home by:

- Listening to your child read on a regular basis and asking questions about the book they have read
- Supporting your child with their weekly homework
- Encouraging your children to practise writing simple sentences using capital letters and full stops
- Helping your child to learn their tricky and high frequency words
- Encouraging your child to speak in full sentences

Important Information

ILK PE days are Monday and Thursday

IRS PE days are Tuesday and Thursday.

Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days.

Please ensure all clothing is named.

Book Bags: Please ensure your child reads their RWI book bag book at least 3 times per week. This will help to support their reading fluency. Books will be sent home in book bags along with homework every **Friday**, so please ensure book bags are returned to school by **Thursday**. You can record what and how your child has read at home in their yellow reading record.

We will be starting to send maths homework home from week 4. You will also receive a login to Numbots. On this website, the children will be able to play games to practise their mathematical skills such as subitising, adding and subtracting.

Have a look at our brilliant website, where you will find other useful information and some examples of our beautiful work!

www.clapgateprimaryschool.co.uk