Thomas Bullock C of E Primary & Nursery Academy
Autumn Term 1 Newsletter

Oceania Class
Year One

Welcome back!

We hope you all had an amazing summer holiday and managed to catch up with lots of friends and family in the sunshine. Mr. Johnson & the Year One team, are really looking forward to a fun filled year with the children, kicking off with a theme called... 'What A Wonderful World'.

Here's some of the things we will be learning about throughout the first half of the autumn term...

What A Wonderful World

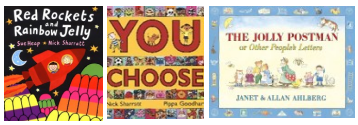
We will be starting our geographical theme by finding out what we already know and what we would like to find out about people and places around the world. We will talk about any other countries, or holiday destinations closer to home that we may have visited. We will be learning about our local area and comparing it with areas of Australia and other countries in the continent of Oceania.

English

Phonics: We will be recapping set 1 and learning set 2 sounds using Read, Write, Inc (RWI).

Reading: We will all be putting our phonic knowledge to good use, 'sounding out' the letters in words and 'blending' them together to help us read - keep your eyes peeled in bookbags for information and new books to read at home with your children!

Writing: We will be practicing writing our names, labels, some short captions and simple sentences. We will have daily handwriting sessions to improve our letter formations and we will be creating our own 'All About Me' books to help Mr. Johnson and the children get to know each other.



Key Texts: This half term, we will be using the books, 'Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly' and 'You Choose' to help pick our favourite things. We will also be using 'The Jolly Postman' when writing a postcard from our local area, 'The Three Little Pigs' during our science topic and some non-fiction books linked to our theme. Of course, we will also be sharing a huge range of picture books and fun stories to really build up the children's love of reading.

Maths

Every day the children will practice their number fluency. This half term we are learning all about place value (within 10). Here are some of the things this will include:

- Sorting & ordering
- Counting (forwards & backwards)
- Using a number line & number track
- Writing the numerals correctly
- Finding 'one more' & 'one less' than a number
- Looking at pairs of numbers

We will move on to addition and subtraction (also within 10), solving simple problems, using lots of concrete resources to help us and using our reasoning skills to justify our explanations. To help at home, begin with singing lots of counting songs and practice writing the numbers to ten.

Science

We will be looking at a range of different, everyday materials at school and at home! We will be learning to identify different materials and talk about their properties.

Art

We will be looking at and replicating aboriginal artwork from the past and the more recent artwork of Karen McCafferty. Then we will be producing a self portrait and using the artist, Barbara Walker as our starting point.

Computing

We will be starting our Computing curriculum by finding out what 'technology' is and how to use the basic functions and how to stay safe online.

Music

Music lessons will be provided by the Norfolk Music Hub - they always sound so fun!

Physical Education

PE is held on Mondays and Fridays. We ask that children continue to arrive in their PE kits (plain tops in house colours if possible).

As much of our learning takes place outdoors (including Forest School on Fridays), we politely request that a named pair of wellies and a waterproof coat are **always** in school.

Please bring your child's bookbag (containing their reading book and record), water bottle (with fresh **water** daily), a lunch box if required and a warm, waterproof coat every day. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Thank you! :)