Year One Newsletter

Driving questions: How could the Great Fire of London have been prevented? How will I be able to tell the difference between pieces of work that are inspired by Andy Goldsworthy and Van Gogh?

Literacy

During this term we will be looking at 'Owl Babies', 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and 'Stick Man' in Literacy. This will include creating a range of mini writing outcomes. We will be continuing to focus on using punctuation, such as full stops, finger spaces and capital letters in the correct places when writing and making sure our handwriting is neat.
At home: Practise your punctuation knowledge by playing this game:
http://www.sentenceplay.co.uk/SentenceDoctor.html

Maths

In maths this term, we will learn how to add and subtract within 10. We will also be learning about 2D and 3D shapes, as well as patterns and sorting shapes.
At home: please can your practise reciting the number bonds to 10 with your child, they could do this by saying them aloud, writing them down, making posters to represent the different ways of showing the number bond. If your child is secure with their number bonds to 10, please focus on number bonds to 20. Number bonds to 10 include: 1+9, 2+8, 3+7, 4+6, 5+5 and 10+0. In addition to this, please practice reading and writing numbers to 20 including as words. As we are also learning about shapes and patterns, you can find activities here:
https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/shape-patterns
https://www.topmarks.co.uk/early-years/shape-monsters

PE and Forest School

Our P.E day will continue to be on a Wednesday. Please make sure you are sending your child with **warm P.E. clothes** for our outdoor sessions including named black jumpers/hoodies, jogging bottoms, trainers and socks. Please can you also ensure that your child is **not wearing** earrings or has them taped on PE days. This term we will be learning to sequence dance moves in our indoor PE sessions. In outdoor PE, we are practising our ball skills including throwing and hitting with control.

There is no Forest School in Term 2!

Creative Curriculum

At the beginning of the term, we will be focusing on history by learning about the Great Fire of London. We will be learning about significant events which happened during the fire and the impact this has had on our lives today. This term we are having a big art focus in creative curriculum lessons, learning about patterns and using objects from the environment to create sculptures and different pieces of art work. We are also going to be researching and comparing the works of the artists Vincent Van Gogh and Andy Goldsworthy. The children will create their own pieces of amazing art work in the style of these artists.

Dates

Monday 2nd November– Back to school after half term.
Thursday 5th November - Flu vaccinations.
Thursday 12th November - 9 – 10am - Parent pod for parents of all year groups - see poster in the office or online at:
https://www.dashwood-aspirations.org/about-us/dashwood-action-committee/
Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th November - Parents Evening
Monday 16th November - Odd Socks Day – children can wear odd socks to school in support of Anti-bullying
Monday 16th-Friday 20th November - Anti - Bullying Week.
Thursday 19th November – 4-5pm – Reception open evening for new pupils for September 2027
Friday 27th and Monday 30th November – INSET DAY: School closed for all pupils
Tuesday 15th December: Maple (Y2) and Hazel Class (Y1) Carol Concert in the hall 2:30-3:00
Wednesday 16th December: Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 17th December: Redwood (Y2) and Holly Class (Y1) Carol Concert in the hall 2:30-3:00
Friday 18th December – Last day of Term 2 and Christmas Jumper/Party Dress
Monday 4th January – INSET DAY: School closed for all pupils
Tuesday 5th January - First day back after Christmas Holidays