



Y1 Diamond Newsletter – Autumn Term 1 2024

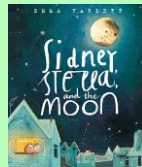
Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely summer. We are looking forward to a successful and enjoyable year in school.

Y1 Diamond staff: Mrs Wouters, Mrs Pattison, Mrs Spivey and Miss McCarthy.

Our learning journey

English – The core texts we will be reading this half term in English are **Cave Baby** by Julia Donaldson and **Sidney, Stella and the Moon** by Emma Yarlett. This first half term the children will work on sentence structure; using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops as well as sitting letters on the line. They will make predictions about what is going to happen and retell stories in their own words.



Phonics – In Year 1 children will continue to have a daily phonics lesson to support their reading. New diagraphs for this term include; ai, ay, ow, ou, oi, oy, ee and ea.

Mathematics - This half term we will be focusing on **Place Value** and **Addition and Subtraction**. This will include counting to 10 and back, reading, writing and ordering numbers to 10 in numerals and words as well as learning number bonds within 10.

Science – Our topic in Science this term is **Seasonal Changes** and **Human Body and Senses**. As part of this topic the children will look at how we can explore the world using our five senses. They will also examine the bodies of different animals to see how they are the same and how they are different.

RE – our RE topic this term is, ‘**What does it mean to belong to a faith community?**’

Foundation subjects – this half-term our topics are **What is it like here?** (Geography), **Computing Systems and Networks** – **Improving Mouse Skills** (computing), **Me and My Relationships** (PSHE), **Pulse and Rhythm (All about me)** (music), **Fundamentals and Team building** (PE), **Drawing- Make your mark** (Art).

PE days: Please note that P.E. will take place this term on **Monday** and **Thursday**.

Children can come to school dressed in their PE clothes. This must be a **full PE uniform (black shorts or jogging bottoms/leggings, a white T-shirt, and trainers)**. Children should wear their school jumper or cardigan during the day but can bring a navy or black hoody to wear for PE if they want to.

Attendance: Attendance and punctuality are very important to us and to the children too. It is essential that children are at school **on time** every day. Children should arrive by 8:50am ready to start their learning. Anyone arriving after the gate is closed should go to the main office to sign in. Please remember to let us and the office know if someone different will be picking your child up from school.

Uniform: A reminder that our school uniform is a lemon yellow t shirt, grey skirt, shorts, trousers or dress and a jade green sweatshirt or cardigan. Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform to school and that each item of clothing (including coats) have their name in them. If your child is likely to have a toileting accident in school, then it is a good idea to have a spare set of clothes (including underwear) left in school for them to change into.

School shoes: please remember that school shoes need to be black.



Reading at home: Over the next few weeks, children will be sent home with a decodable reading book. This is a book which has been chosen to meet their reading level.

Having as many opportunities to read at home is a huge benefit for children in Year 1. Please make sure your child brings their reading book into school every day so that we can listen to them read at school too. We will aim to change their book on **Wednesday** each week but only when they have read it with a parent/carer at home.

Behaviour and Rewards: In school we ask all of our children to follow our school rules of 'Ready, Respectful and Safe' we also ask them to work hard to let their light shine.

They will receive **House Points** when they show they are following the school rules. We use a **recognition board** to notice and celebrate children who have positive learning behaviours in the classroom. We choose a child who has been showing spectacular behaviour during the day to be the **star of the day**. Every week one child who always goes above and beyond with their behaviour, someone who always follows our class rules, will be chosen to attend **Hot Chocolate Friday** with the Senior Leaders. Additionally, we also acknowledge excellent work, effort or attitude through **certificates** which will be handed out to children on a Friday in weekly celebration worship.

Children may also receive stickers or a **note** or **phone call home** to inform you of their successes in class.

Water bottles: Every child needs to bring a water bottle to school already filled with fresh water every day. The children will bring their water bottle home every night to be washed and then returned the following day.

Contact details:

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns that you have on the following email address:

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