

Year 1 Autumn Newsletter 2017

Welcome to Year One - we have a very busy and exciting term planned! This year may feel like a big change for you and your child. We will be starting to get used to some of the new routines of KS1 but, just like in Reception, teaching and learning in is still hands-on, active and fun. We love performance and creativity and this will be reflected in our learning.

Our trips this term are: The Museum of Childhood (Bethnal Green) and St. James Park. We always appreciate adult helpers on these trips. There are always many offers so if you would like to volunteer, please let Mrs Allan know in good time, and she will try to be as fair as possible.

If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to speak to one of us at the start of the day or at 3:30pm when you collect your child.

Please be aware that these times can be very busy, so if you do need to discuss anything in more detail, please call the school office on **020 8520 6267** to arrange an appointment. Alternatively, you can email the school at admin@coppermill.waltham.sch.uk

Thank you for all your support. We look forward a fun filled term with Year One!

Mrs Allan and Mr Henry



Literacy



Children participate in a daily phonics program called 'Read Write Inc'. In these sessions children learn 44 sounds and the corresponding letters/letter groups, how to read words using sound blending (Fred talk) and read stories featuring words they have learned to sound out. Also, they learn how to write words and form sentences.

Children take part in daily literacy sessions. As part of literacy, children look at narrative writing (stories), non-fiction writing (information writing) and poetry. It is a good idea to remind your child if writing at home about using good punctuation (e.g. capital letters, finger spaces and full stops).

Narrative writing this term is based on the following books: 'Little Red Riding Hood', 'The Three Little Pigs' and other traditional tales and '10 things I can do to help my world' by Melanie Walsh.

In addition, children participate in a whole class reading session every day. In these sessions, children read as a whole class and discuss questions based on the 'reciprocal reading' approach.

Books are changed once a week when your child has been read with by an adult. We would appreciate it if, when reading with your child, you write a comment in their yellow reading record.

Please ensure your child brings their book bag along with their yellow reading record book every day.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their literacy skills:

<http://www.educationcity.com>

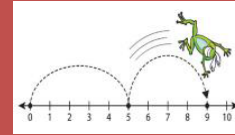
<http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/english/>

<http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html>



Mathematics



Children will continue to further their understanding of number, number facts and calculations involving the four number operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Also, children will be taught how to solve worded problems and explore shape and measure.

We will be using many mathematical resources such as: unifix cubes, dienes blocks and number beads. This is to ensure that children have a deep grasp of mathematical concepts through concrete experiences. This will support their understanding of more abstract ideas later on.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their maths skills:

<http://www.educationcity.com>

<http://www.mymaths>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/>

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks1numeracy.html>

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/timestable/interactive.htm>

<http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html>

<http://www.topmark.co.uk>



Science

The topics to be covered this term are 'Materials' and 'Seasonal changes'.

In the 'Materials' unit, the children will be exploring the different qualities and uses of materials. They will have the chance to describe and compare different materials using key words (e.g. 'waterproof'). They will also have the chance to design and create their own teddy shelter using well thought out materials.

In the 'Seasonal changes' unit, the children will be able to describe the changes across the different seasons such as the weather and day length.

We will be linking our science topics with other curriculum subjects such as art and P.E.

Below are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their science skills:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/science/>

<http://www.resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/science>

<http://www.kidspot.com.au/kids-activities-and-games/science>



Humanities

Our Humanities topic for this term will be 'Toys and the home'. We will be discussing old and new toys and linking this to our materials topic. We will also be comparing homes from the past and present. We will be using questions like: 'how can you tell that?' and phrases such as: 'I know this because...'



Computing

The computing topics being taught are 'We are collectors' and 'We are celebrating'. Children are taught how to find images using the web. Also, children are taught how to use the internet safely.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their computing skills:

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.kidsmart.org.uk

www.light-bot.com

www.code.org

www.scratch.mit.edu

www.kodugamelab.com



Art/Design & Technology

All art sessions are linked to curriculum areas. In the art sessions, children explore different art techniques such as sketching, collage, working with paints and pastels.

The art topic being taught is 'Self Portraits'.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their artistic skills:

<http://www.artsconnected.org/toolkit/index.html>

<http://www.disney.co.uk/disney-junior/art-attack/>



R.E.

Children will learn about Christian beliefs and read stories associated with them. They will also discuss some of the celebrations, holy buildings and artefacts that are associated with Christianity.

Year One will also be learning about Sikhism and holy buildings and celebrations associated with this faith. They will have an opportunity to handle some artefacts and will learn about some of the special people associated with Sikhism.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to learn more about this topic:

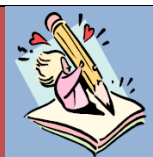
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/religion/>
<http://resources.woodlands.kent.sch.uk/>



P.E.

Children will develop basic game-playing skills, in particular throwing, catching and hitting a ball. Also, children will take part in mini team games. Furthermore, children will participate in sessions where they will use a range of body actions and body parts to create movements.

P.E. day is on Mondays. Ensure that all children arrive at school every Monday wearing the appropriate P.E kit. They will be dismissed at the end of the day wearing their P.E kit. This will enable the class to have more time for physical activities.



Home Learning

Homework is handed out each Friday.

Your child receives:

- Weekly Maths learning
- Daily reading at their ability level to be recorded in their Reading Record books. Children should read aloud to their parents or carers. We encourage children to break down new words into their sounds and blend the sounds together. Please discuss what they have read. Some questions that you could ask are:
 - What do you think might happen next and why?
 - How does (*select a character*) feel about what has just happened?
 - How do you know this? Why do you think this?
- Autumn term Home Learning projects are: 'Materials' and 'Seasonal changes'.