



September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Autumn Curriculum Overview

Our topic this half term is 'All about me' and next half term is 'Winter Wonderland'.

We will be investigating the human body and linking it to our senses. We will investigate different materials and use them as we develop our skills as we make collages. We will spend time discovering more about our immediate local area as part of the geography and will think about the changes that have occurred over time since we were babies, to talk about the past and present as part of the history curriculum.

Every Monday afternoon will be spent 'Out and About', where we are all out of the classroom. This half term we are using the Conservation Area, the Reading Bus, den building equipment and the children's kitchen. During this time the children will also spend time with their Y4 book buddies. Children ideally need Wellington boots and a waterproof coat for this session, as we hope to be outside as much as possible whatever the weather!

In English we will be looking at learning stories by heart, retelling them orally, acting them out and writing them down. We will also think about how to change stories to create new ones. Phonics will continue to be taught daily as a whole class, as well as working with individuals following our own Mayfield phonics programme and a specialised reading scheme.

In Maths we will be developing our sorting, counting and number skills; building confidence and encouraging application across all areas of learning. We use the Maths Mastery approach which means we explore concepts thoroughly and in depth to ensure children are confident before moving on to the next concept.

In PE on Tuesdays we hope to go swimming whilst the weather is warm enough, but will then be doing gymnastics in the large hall. Outdoor PE is on Thursday afternoons, please ensure the children all have trainers for this.

In RE we will be investigating different celebrations and in PSHE we are looking at new beginnings and being a part of a class. As we head towards Christmas we will begin practising for a KS1 performance to share with you all in the large hall. As last year was a winter themed play, this year we will be doing The Nativity.

We are very grateful for all of your support as we work together to support the children in their learning. Please do talk to us about your child's needs, you can make an appointment to see us or email us with any concerns that you might have.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 1 Team