

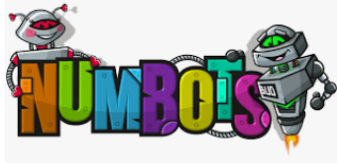
Year 1 Newsletter Autumn 1

Writing In English children will be practising how to spell words using their phonics skills and writing captions and sentences. They will be learning how to use the everyday toolkit to write sentences- using capital letters, finger spaces, phonics and full stops.	Science In Science children will be exploring forces. Children will notice and describe how things move, using simple comparisons such as faster and slower. We will also learn about sources of light, including electric lights, flames and the Sun, explaining that we see things because light travels from them to our eyes.	RE Year 1 children will be learning about the religion of Christianity and will have lessons to help them answer the question "Who do Christians say made the world?"
Maths In Maths, children will be working with numbers to 10. They will be counting forwards and backwards, counting 1 more and 1 less. They will explore the concepts of 'greater than' and 'less than' and ordering numbers. Children will use 10 frames, diennes, multilink cubes and 10 frames to support their learning in maths this year.	History In History, Year 1 will be looking at Changes In Education. Having lessons to help them answer the enquiry question "How has schooling changed over time and is it the same for everyone?" They will look at how school is different from the past, how school resources have changed and the experiences some women have in other countries such as Pakistan & compare to the UK now and in the past, with a focus on Malala Yousafzai.	Reading Children will be reading a range of reading texts over the half term, including fiction, non fiction and poetry. Non fiction texts will be related to knowledge they are learning in other areas of the curriculum. Year 1 will also focus on the author Rachel Bright, and discuss different texts she has written.
PE This half term children will be doing two P.E lessons; both based on REAL PE. One will be focused on reactions and response and the other on ball skills. Birch Class: Monday & Wednesday Cedar Class: Monday & Thursday Please send your child to school in their full PE Kit on both days, including trainers. NO DRESSES, SKIRTS, TIGHTS or school shoes on these days.	Geography In Geography, pupils will be investigating geographical knowledge about where we live and what is special about it. Children will compare and contrast cities and villages and also explore human and physical features of the environment.	Art Our Art unit this half term is Playful Making. Children will be using the imagination to create using a range of different media.
Music In Music, we will be focusing on the musical concepts of pulse and their performance skills. Children will answer the question: .How can we make friends when we sing together? And learn the song You've got a friend in me, from Toy Story.	PSHE In PSHE, children will be thinking about how and why families and friendships are important. We will also begin the term by learning our rules and expectations in school and practising new routines in KS1.	Spellings This half term, children will be focusing on their phonics lessons.
Computing We will be using PurpleMash to practise our computing skills this year. This half term, children will be learning how to log on independently, and we will also teach lessons on how to stay safe online.	DT In DT, children will be exploring a range of moving picture books, such as sliders. Pupils will design, make and evaluate their own slider book this term.	Home Reading Please return books and reading records in book bags on Wednesday. They will be returned on Friday. Please listen to your child read every day and sign the home reading booklet to show this has been done.

Homework

- **Reading** - Children will be given new books to read each week. One book will be a copy of the phonics book they read they week before in school so it's important that this is practised to build fluency. Another will be that your child has chosen from our library and is a nice opportunity for you to read to them so they can enjoy the text. Please make sure you listen to your child read **EVERY DAY** for at least 10 minutes and leave a comment in their reading record.
- **Maths** - Please work through the Numbots app (logins will be given by your class teacher soon) Additional maths activities may also be sent through a message on seesaw by your teacher.
- We will begin handwriting homework this term where your child will be sent home with a handwriting book and videos will be posted on seesaw - this will begin later this term.
- **Topic** - we will send home purple mash log ins and we may occasionally send home homework activities on here as and when it is appropriate.
- **English** - Later this term we will invite families to explain our new handwriting homework books and how to compete this homework.

Online Resources

Maths 	Computing activities: Purple Mash 	Please ensure you are connected to Seesaw to keep up to date with class learning and notices. Please speak to the class teacher if you need a reminder of the code. 
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Please make sure you have signed up and are logged in to these 3 platforms and speak to your class teacher if you have any problems with [these. As](#) always, any questions, please ask.

May thanks,

The Year 1 Team