Year 1 Newsletter Autumn 2

Writing This term we will be looking at the story Little Red by Bethan Woolvin. Children will learn about the characters, do role play, learn the text, respond to it, change it and write their own version - we can't wait to see their ideas!	**Science** In Science children will be learning about the seasons, especially Autumn, and finding out how seasons can change. We will explore deciduous and evergreen trees in our school grounds and also learn about animals we may see in Autumn as the seasons change.	**RE** We will be continuing to learn about Christianity this half term. Children will be learning about why Christmas matters to Christians and what Christians think of Jesus.
Maths In Maths, children will be adding and subtracting numbers to 10, and then also learning about the number system to 20. Children will also explore 2D and 3D shapes.	**History** We will be learning about how schools may differ in other parts of the world and learning all about Malala and the impact she has had.	**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 In Real P.E children will be focussing on games and gym this half term. PE sessions are: Cedar- Mondays and Thursdays Birch- Mondays and Wednesdays Please make sure children are wearing P.E kits and black or white trainers on these days.	**Geography** We will be building our 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** We will be continuing our Art unit on playful making by making sculptures. Including making some rosettes for each other
Music In Music, we will be practicing performing our song for the Winter Singing Assembly.	**PSHE** We will be learning about how to stay safe in our environment. We will be exploring how to recognise what is safe and what isn't and how we can talk to someone if we feel unsafe.	**Spellings** This half term, children will be focussing on their phonics lessons.
Computing We will be using PurpleMash to define and understand what technology is. Children will relate this to school, home, outside and to its use in the wider world.	**DT** We will design and make our own moving pictures, either a slider or a lever.	

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.
- **Topic** - we have sent 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 complete 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.

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 questions.

May thanks,

The Year 1 Team