# YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 1 2023

Welcome to an exciting first term in Year One!
Our topic this half term is **LOOK AT ME**.
Read on to see what we will be learning about!

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| **ENGLISH** | In English, we start off with book week and will be reading the book 'After the Fall' by Dan Santat. We then read and write our own stories that take inspiration from the book Harry and the Dinosaurs. We also read and write our own poems about Autumn and our senses. |
| **MATHS** | In Maths, we have a strong focus on reading, writing and ordering numbers. We will also be working on number and place value as well as addition and subtraction. Our maths target this half term will be number bonds to 10. This will be sent out on a sheet for the children to practise at home regularly. |
| **SCIENCE** | In Science, this half term we focus on our senses. We learn about how we use our senses to explore the world around us. We also find out about our body parts and human growth. |
| **GEOGRAPHY** | In Geography, we will be using simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the human and physical features of our school grounds. We will be thinking carefully about the geographical vocabulary that we use. We will also be naming the 4 countries of the United Kingdom and identifying these on a map. |
| **ART** | In Art, we learn to draw portraits using different media such as crayons, pastels and pencils. We will also be looking at the work of the artists Paul Klee, Pablo Picasso and Andy Warhol. |
| **COMPUTING** | In Computing, we learn about what computers are and what they do. We will create a digital storybook about ourselves using the iPad app "Our Story." |
| **PSHE** | In PSHE, we will be thinking about ourselves, what makes us different, what makes us similar and what makes us unique. We read the book 'The Colour Monster' and discuss our feelings. |

**PLEASE REMEMBER…**

**BOOK BAGS AND READING BOOKS:** Please can you make sure your child has a book bag to keep their reading book in. This needs to come to and from school every day and the children will be changing their reading books twice a week on a Tuesday and a Friday. *Please ensure your child reads every day and that you sign the reading record daily.* Your support is essential in helping your child build up reading miles and to make maximum progress.

**WATER BOTTLES AND FRUIT SNACKS:** Please send children in with a bottle of water that is clearly labelled with their name to keep in the classroom. Your child will also need a snack each day to eat at break time. This can be either fruit, vegetables, cheese or yoghurt.

**PE:** We will be doing inside and outside PE (weather permitting of course!) this half term. *Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on our PE days – Monday and Thursday.* Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school PE kit.

**HOMEWORK:**
**Maths homework** - *set on a Friday. Due in by Wednesday of the following week.* This will be posted on google classroom and we will also send home a paper copy. Homework can be submitted online or the paper copy can be brought back into school.

**Numbots** - *this is a weekly expectation. Children need to complete at least 6 questions each week.* Log in information can be found at the back of your child's reading diary.

**Maths Target** - *there is a new target each half term.* The children will have a target test each Monday. More information about this will be sent out separately.

**Reading** - *please read with your child every day and sign their reading diary.* Reading books and diaries should be returned to school every day. Books will be changed twice a week or once your child has read their book at least 3 times.

**Spellings** - *set on a Monday. Tested on Monday the following week.* Please help your child to learn their spellings.

Please be aware that if homework is not submitted on time, your child will be expected to complete it during break time.

Any questions at all about anything, please feel free to ask one of the team. We look forward to a fun first half term in year one!

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 1 Team
Mrs Skeens, Mrs Evans, Mrs Arthur, Miss Cranston, Mrs Chircop and Mrs Druce