

Year 1 Newsletter (Autumn)



Our topic this half term: **Jack and the Beanstalk**

Welcome Year 1, your child's first term in their next school chapter. We would just like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Year 1.

- Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Gwenin and Mrs. Collier will be teaching in Monkey class
- Mrs. Willsher, Mrs. Whitehead and Miss Tank will be teaching in Tiger class

You will receive a newsletter every term. This will be available on the website under our class page. Please check this page regularly as we will upload the texts we will be learning and photos of what we have achieved.

English

Our story telling this term will be based on the text 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We are going to learn the key phrases in the story and use these to help us retell it. We will look at all the description used and the way that the author describes the characters. We will then use this information to write our own version of the story. These will then go up onto a display to show the start of year 1's fantastic work! For our non-fiction this term we will be writing and labels, lists and captions. This will be linked to the characters from our half termly text.



At home:

Spelling - Help children recap key word spellings. Have a look through their homework, are there any words that are spelt wrong? Go through and correct these words together. Learn weekly spellings.

Handwriting - We are having a big push on handwriting. Help children by showing them how to form letters correctly, including in their homework books.

Reading- Read with your child each evening and write a comment in their reading diary. Adults will regularly update your child's reading record if they are read with.

English homework is set fortnightly on a Friday.

Maths

During this half term, we will be learning about counting, place value, addition and subtraction, number problems, 2D shape work and coin values. Each week your child will work on a different topic and this will be reflected in their fortnightly homework.



At home:

Number bonds- We are trying extremely hard to learn the number bonds to 10 in Year 1. Please practise these at home to support your child in achieving this superb award. (For example, 1+9, 2+8, 3+7)

Maths homework is set fortnightly on a Friday

PE

The children have two PE sessions a week on Tuesday and Thursday (Monkey class) and Wednesday and Friday. (Tiger class) We do our best to stick to these days but sometimes they have to change at the last minute. To assist us please could your child's PE kits be in school all week. Some sessions may be taught outside, so please ensure your child has black tracksuit

trousers and a red Beecroft jumper especially as the weather gets colder. Your child will be trying their hand at multi-sports and gymnastics this term.

At home:

PE kit should be a white t-shirt, black or blue coloured shorts, black tracksuit trousers, red jumper and trainers or plimsolls. Please make sure all their kit is labelled clearly with their name and class and is kept in a named bag in a box.

Creative curriculum

Our topic this term is 'Jack and the Beanstalk' We will begin by exploring and mixing primary colours to make secondary colours and then moving on to tints and tones. We will use these skills to create self-portraits for our displays. We will then progress onto designing and making t-shirts with our own prints on. As we continue this topic and the topic in the second half of the term, we will cover each aspect of the curriculum including: History, Geography, Art, Design and technology, Computing, Music and Science.

At home:

Each week your child will bring home their homework log. In this you will receive fortnightly Maths and English homework and their work linked to the creative curriculum. You and your child may choose to complete any of the activities on the front sheet of your log when you would like.

Reminders and dates

Uniform: Please make sure that all new uniform is clearly labelled in case it is misplaced. That way it can be returned to the correct class as soon as it is located.

Website: Remember to check the class pages regularly for newsletters, texts, updates and photos from work in class.

Homework: This will be sent home every Friday and is due in on the Wednesday of the week after. Homework will alternate between Maths and English.

Tuesday 13th September- Roald Dahl dress up day

Friday 23rd September- Jeans for Genes day

Friday 30th September- School photographs

Friday 14th October- Halloween disco

Friday 21st October- Last day of term 1

Tuesday 1st November- Children to return to school for term 2

Friday 4th November- Monkey class assembly at 2:45pm (TBC)

Friday 4th November- Tiger class assembly at 2:45pm (TBC)

Jack and the Beanstalk

Once upon a time there was a **poor** boy called Jack **who** lived with his mother in a ramshackle house. They were starving and cold.

One warm and sunny day his mother said: "Go to the market and sell the cow but make sure you get a good price for her."

Later that afternoon Jack set off. **He plodded and he plodded and he plodded** until he got to the market. He sold the cow but **unfortunately** all he got was beans, big brown beans.

When he got home he put the beans on the table. His mother looked at the big brown beans. She threw the beans out of the window because she was **furious!**

The very next day the beans had grown into a **towering** beanstalk which was **as tall as a house**. So Jack decided to climb the beanstalk. **He climbed and he climbed and he climbed** until he reached the top.

When he got to the clouds he spied a **huge** castle in the distance. He ran **as fast as a cheetah** towards the castle. **First**, he pushed open the huge door. **Next**, he crept in slowly.

Inside the castle he spied his mother's old hen that laid golden eggs. "This will solve all our problems" Jack thought. **As quick as a flash** he grabbed the hen. Suddenly he heard ... "FIE FI FO FUM. I smell the blood of an English man!" Jack saw two, giant feet!

Jack was nimble, Jack was quick. **He ran and he ran and he ran** down the **towering** beanstalk.

Unfortunately the **huge** giant chased after him and climbed down the beanstalk too. **Fortunately** Jack grabbed a nearby axe and **he chopped and he chopped and he chopped** until the **colossal** beanstalk came tumbling down! **At that moment** the terrifying giant tumbled to the ground and that was the end of him. Jack, his mother and the hen that laid golden eggs **lived happily ever after**.