



Year 1 Autumn 2 - Topic Letter

November 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you all for your support in settling the children into the routines of Year 1. We have had a great first half term with many engaging and exciting learning activities.

Our topic this half-term will be 'Seasons'. We shall be observing and creating pieces of work based around the changes across the four seasons.

	Curriculum covered this half-term	Optional suggestions for home-learning
English	<p>Text Focus/ Writing: Poetry, story writing, letters and lists</p> <p>Reading: Home reading, guided and independent reading in class</p> <p>Phonics: Long vowels e.g., ai, ee, igh, oa</p> <p>Handwriting: Correct letter formation in 'Letter Families'</p>	Visit the library to find books about the different seasons and/ or stories that are set in different seasons.
Maths	2D and 3D Shape Addition & Subtraction Data Handling Money Length Number bonds to 10 /20	http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/
Science	<p>Seasonal Changes Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies</p>	Look at and talk about photos of your friends and family taken in different seasons.
Geography	Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK and the location of hot and cold areas of the world.	Look and discuss maps and globes.
Computing	Creating pieces of art on the computer inspired by the different seasons. Work with text and images to explore and share their ideas.	http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/levels/level1.shtml These activities will help your child to develop their keyboard skills.

PE	Balancing Dance	
Art	Paintings and printing based around the four seasons.	
PSHE/ RE	Values – Respecting one another Christmas Hanukkah	
Music	Duration	When out and about with your child, listen out for sounds. Talk about which sounds are long and which are short.
Trips	The Christmas Experience at St James' Church TBC The Snow Child- Unicorn Theatre	

Library

We have started using the library, please bring your book back each week so you can have a new one.

Bumblebees- Tuesday

Dragonflies – Wednesday

Your continued support with the reading and home learning is greatly appreciated. We look forward to having another happy, successful and fun half-term with the children.

Please also remember to let us know if you have any concerns you would like to discuss.

Dates for your diary

Year 1 Joint Assembly - Friday 27th November

Christmas Dinner Thursday 10th December

Pantomime visit - Thursday 17th December

Christmas Jumper Day Friday 18th December

With best wishes,

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