



# Autumn 2 KS1 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the half term, we hope that you all had a restful two weeks together. We are now into our second half of the Autumn term and have lots more exciting learning planned for your child. This is the work that the children will be covering over the following term in KS1:

## Geography:

This half term in Geography, we will be learning about the United Kingdom. We begin our topic by looking at the world's continents and oceans, then looking where the UK is located. We then look at the human and physical features which can be found within England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, capital cities, their famous landmarks, natural features. Finally, we will learn about the different seasons and weather in the UK and compare this to a contrasting location.



## DT:

Our design brief for this term in DT is "To make a bug hotel for small bugs to live in." We will investigate what a good structure needs as well as how to join materials successfully. We will use materials such as wood, plastic and cardboard and evaluate the usefulness of all of these materials.



## Science:

Our Science unit this half term is 'Animals Including Humans'. Within this unit we will look at how animals are classified, how we can categorise animals based on what they eat, what animals need to survive and how animals produce offspring. We will use comparative skills whilst looking different animals and use iPads to research and find out facts about our favourite animals.



## PE:

In PE, we will be learn to use our co-ordination and balance when working with different equipment in our indoor PE session. In outdoor PE, we will be learning to use our awareness skills and applying them into different games.

### PE days:

Puffins: Monday & Friday  
Robins: Monday & Wednesday  
Owls: Wednesday & Thursday

## RE:

This half term our RE focus is 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?' The unit looks at Christian beliefs about who Jesus was, the story of the birth of Jesus, advent, celebrating Christmas and Christmas traditions.



## PSHE:

In PSHE, this term's theme remains as relationships. Firstly, we will define the behaviours of being kind, being helpful and being respectful, identifying the difference that these can have on someone's feelings. Next, we will acknowledge what the word 'privacy' means, including noting when words/actions are wanted or unwanted. Lastly, we will look at what we should do if we are worried about something of this nature in school, at home or online.



## Computing:

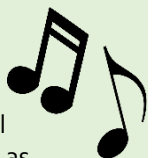
In Computing, we are focusing on Digital This will include developing our typing skills understanding of the keyboard functions. using these to create information pages learning in other subjects.



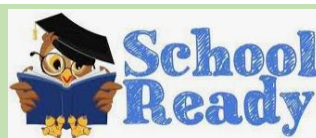
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## Music:

In Music, we will listen to different types of Christmas music. We will explore, create and perform a new piece of music each week. Next, we will practise clapping and playing the pulse as well as a variety of rhythms. There will also be lots of singing as we learn our Christmas play songs!



Please ensure your child is fully prepared for the school day school bag, reading record & book, homework, and anything may have been asked to bring in.



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## Home Learning:

- Read at home for 15-20 minutes every day
- Practice spellings
- Learn times tables
- Create one example from the half termly project list



**Home Reading: Please ensure that your reads 5 times a week**

### Reading Challenge

5 x= Green  
2/3/4= Yellow  
0/1= Red



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## Twitter Pages

Each class has a Twitter page which is updated regularly. You can see all the exciting things we have been getting up to in school and how hard the children are working. Please follow us to keep updated!



If your child achieves green for the week, they will be entered into a special prize draw!

Only books that children take home from school will go towards the reading challenge – either the home reader or a book from the 100 Book Challenge. This will ensure that your child is reading books appropriate for their ability.

Puffins: @GatesPuffin  
Robins: @GatesRobins  
Owls: @Gates\_Owls



Seesaw is an app we use to track your child's learning and progress throughout the year.

We will send out additional information on how you can view your children's work as well as how to use this app to share WOW moments from home with us in school.