

Reception/Year 1 News

Autumn Term 1 – Our topic is:



Days to Remember

Mrs Walton teaches:
Mon & Tues

Mrs Wood teaches:
Weds, Thurs & Fri

PE lessons:
Wednesday & Fridays

Woodland Visits:
Please make sure that warm coats, trousers & wellies are in school every Friday!

Meet the Teacher Meetings:
Year 1-Friday 22nd September
3.15pm

Reception-Tuesday 3rd
October 3.15pm (This is also a curriculum information meeting)

Harvest Festival- Friday 6th
October 1.30pm

This half-term our topic will be **Ourselves**. We will be learning all about our bodies, how we are different and similar, and about how we look and how we feel.



We will be learning about how to keep our bodies healthy, and about what happens as our bodies grow.

We will be exploring how artists represent themselves and others in portraits, and developing our art skills through the use of different media and materials.



Every week (weather permitting) we visit an area of woodland close to school for outdoor learning. As well as working on curriculum activities, we focus on building confidence, team work and many other skills. As we do try to visit in all weathers please provide your child with a warm, waterproof coat, wellies, trousers (there are lots of nettles!), and hats etc. as appropriate.

If any parents would like to join us on our visits please see Mrs Wood.



Our **Literacy** lessons this half-term focus on Traditional Tales. We will be reading lots of different stories, and exploring them through lots of discussion, role play and drama. We will find out about characters and settings, and make up our own alternative endings for stories we know.



In our **Maths** lessons this term we will be counting, singing number rhymes, playing number games and solving problems. Much of our

learning is through exploration and play, with the focus being on practical activities and developing our mental maths skills.

All the children will have daily phonics sessions to develop their understanding of regular phonic patterns and rules, and the exceptions

to the rules. They will also learn how to apply this knowledge whilst reading and writing.

In Year 1, spellings to support the work we are doing in class will be sent home weekly. Please work on these with your child regularly. There will be no weekly spelling test but teachers will be monitoring progress during phonics lessons and there will be a review session in school at the end of every half term.

All of the children read in guided reading groups each week. We will also encourage your child to change their home reading book regularly so that you can support your child's reading development at home.

Please look at the class section on the school website for regular updates.