



Year 1



## Autumn Newsletter

Friday 7th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is so wonderful to see all the children so happy to be back in school, as they settle into their new classrooms. We are looking forward to having lots of fun throughout the year. Best Wishes, Elio, Peter, Miranda, AJ and Cassandra

### Reading

Every day, the children will take part in group reading sessions where all children will work with an adult to focus on reading skills. As well as this, each child will read one to one with an adult once a week. **Children will receive new books once a week, as well as a weekly comment about their progress.**

### PE

We will have PE sessions on a Monday and Thursday (Elio's class ) and Tuesday and Wednesday (Peter's class). Please make sure that children come to school in their PE kit and that they also have suitable footwear to do the activities comfortably and safely. T-shirts can be purchased through Sharon in the office.

### Literacy

Throughout the year the children will be focussing on using full stops, capital letters, finger spaces between their words and using their sounds to spell phonetically plausible words. This term we will be retelling some stories in our own words, writing information texts and writing postcards from key locations around the United Kingdom.

### Numeracy

This term we will be focussing on the place value of numbers. The children will represent these numbers in many different ways as well as ordering and comparing them. We will then move on to the addition and subtraction of numbers. As well as our number work, we will be identifying and grouping 2D and 3D shapes.

### Science

In the first half term, we will begin developing our scientific enquiry skills of observing, classifying and grouping by looking at a variety of 'everyday materials'. The children will identify the material things are made of and investigate why that material was used based on its properties. In the second half term, we will be studying 'seasonal changes' where we will name the four seasons, observe the changes in our local environment and discover how different animals survive winter.

### Topic

In the first half term, our topic is 'home sweet home.', Here the children will discover different types of homes, be introduced to simple maps of our local area and learn about London landmarks.

In the second half term, our topic is 'all aboard' where we will learn about different modes of transport and how they have changed over time.

### Snacks

Every morning, the children will be given a piece of fruit during playtime. Children are also encouraged to stay hydrated throughout the day. Please ensure that your child brings a **bottle of water** to school every day.

If you need to contact us regarding your child's education or wellbeing, please email us at [pbaldwin@wtwschool.co.uk](mailto:pbaldwin@wtwschool.co.uk) for Peter's class and [emercier@wtwschool.co.uk](mailto:emercier@wtwschool.co.uk) for Elio's class. Any urgent messages that need to be dealt with on the same day, must be telephoned through to the school office.