



Year 1 Newsletter

Classes 1L and 1H

This term the children will be exploring the following topics:



In **Science**, we will be learning about plants. The children will plant their own bean and they will identify and name the main parts of a plant including: leaf, stem, roots and flower. We will also learn about a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees.

How can parents help? Can you help your child to identify the different parts of plants during a walk in your area or even in the garden?

In **Maths** we will compare volume and capacity using the terms 'more than' and 'less than', 'full' and 'empty'. The children will find the mass of an object using non-standard units. We will be learning about the values of the tens and ones digits in a number and how to place numbers in order from smallest to greatest and vice versa. In addition, the children will solve word problems using equal groupings as the basis for multiplication, as well as understanding how to divide even numbers into equal groups.

During Indoor **PE**, the children will develop new skills and techniques as they learn about Taekwondo and participate in this sport. During Outdoor **PE**, the unit is linked to fundamental skills. The children will learn to jump in a variety of ways, including jump for distance and learn how to skip.

Our PE days this term:

- Outdoor PE: Friday
- Indoor PE: Wednesday

In English:

We will be reading the traditional tale 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We will be using our inference skills, giving opinions and applying punctuation to our writing. Our end point will be writing the story independently.

In **History** we will be learning all about The Great Fire of London! During this unit the children will participate in a workshop to allow them to gain an insight into this event from the past. This will be a WOW opportunity for the children.

In **Geography** we will identify what is special about our school and our locality. The children will investigate the human and physical features of the school grounds and create a simple map to include these features.

In **Art**, we will study the artist Henri Matisse and investigate different ways of creating our own seaside collages using a variety of resources.

In **RE**, we will consider how people see God and learn about the religion Hinduism, which teaches that there is one God who is shown in many forms.

Messages and reminders

- Please ensure that all uniform has your child's name on.
- Keep a look out on Edshed for weekly homework.
- Children are able to receive a reading raffle ticket if they have read at home. Please ensure that reading diaries are being signed so that we can acknowledge their efforts at home.
- Please can all library books be kept in book bags so that children can have the opportunity to choose a new book weekly.