

**Welcome to Year 1**  
**Newsletter - Autumn Term 2023**  
**Class Teachers:** Mrs Stephenson & Mrs Constable (Chestnut), Mrs Madagan & Mrs Hutchin (Oak)  
**Teaching Assistants:** Mrs Sorrell, Mrs Dawe, Mrs Harwood, Miss Daniel



### English and Topic

Our new topic has already started - we're learning about traditional tales and nursery rhymes in order to build up stores of words and rhyming words. Through the topic we develop our writing ensuring the use of finger spaces, correct letter formation and our phonic knowledge. We will also introduce Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) which will help develop a strong understanding of the English language and sentence structure.



### Maths

Our maths sessions are well underway, focussing on number by securing counting, reading and writing numbers both forwards and backwards. Throughout the term, the children will be solving addition and subtraction number sentences using a number line, numicon and a 100 square to support them. Other areas such as 2D and 3D shape will also be covered. We would really appreciate it if you can continue to encourage your child to access the Mathematics activities at home, which will be set most weeks. We've popped their individual log - in details on the inside of their homework book cover.



### PE

Please remember to have a clearly labelled PE kit. You'd be surprised how many things go missing even though they've come into school wearing it!

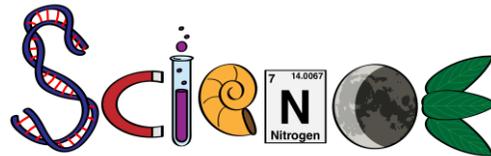
**Indoor Kit:** t-shirt, shorts & pumps

**Outdoor Kit:** t-shirt, tracksuit bottoms, trainers and a jumper for colder weather.

**Oak and Chestnut Class PE lessons:**

**Monday afternoon:** Fiery Feet Dance

**Wednesday afternoon:** Multi-skills sports



All children in Year 1 will have a fortnightly science lesson. They have new science books to record in, which will follow them throughout Emscote. They have already started being super science detectives, exploring the five senses. Later in the term, we will be learning about materials and their properties.

### Other Subject Areas

A lot of our curriculum is creative and we incorporate other subject areas such as music, art, geography and history into our topic work. In RE we will be encouraging pupils to learn and respect the beliefs, values and traditions of different religions, whilst exploring their own thoughts.

This term, our focus festivals will be the Festival of Diwali (Hindu) and Christmas (Christian). We have also booked St. John's Museum in December to learn about life in Victorian times and how they would have prepared for Christmas.

Our PSHE sessions will give the children an opportunity to talk about their thoughts, feelings and emotions. We want to make their return to school a happy and positive experience.

As an added bonus there is the Year 1 Christmas Extravaganza to look forward to in December!

### Reading

We are very keen to encourage lots of reading both at school and at home. If reading books need changing, your child can put their reading packets in '**the box**' inside their classroom **first thing in the morning**. We will aim to change them that day but please bear with us if we can't as there's never a dull moment in a school! If your child forgets, please pop the reading packet inside '**the box**' after school and we will change them the following day.

In our reading sessions, we do group reading, guided reading or Reading Rocketeers with at least one individual read. During these sessions children will also be engaged in phonic recaps and comprehension activities.

At home we encourage reading 4 times a week. If you're reading home books too, please feel free to write these in the diary too. If your child has a **word wall**, please tick off when read correctly. We would also encourage parents to read the notes in the front and back of the reading diary to give some guidance when listening to your child to read. Please come and see us if you have any questions.



Children are welcome to wear their home clothes when it is their birthday. If they choose to bring in treats for their friends, please could these be wrapped and they will then be handed out as the children leave for home.

### Homework, Phonics and Spellings

Homework books will be sent home on Thursdays. It is helpful to have all homework books in by the following Tuesday to allow for marking and putting in the next activity. Spellings will be attached inside the homework books. It's a good idea to make a note of them if your books are going to be handed in! These are practised daily in class and tested each Friday - we value your support in helping your child learn to read, write and spell these.

Spellings will be reviewed each half term and sent home with words that need a bit of extra practise highlighted.



### Be on time for Registration!

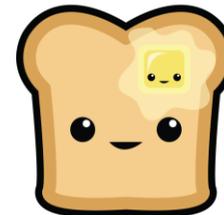
Getting in on time when the bells goes at 8.55am ensures children settle quickly and are happier when the school day starts. We must say, the children have been amazing and have settled beautifully so far.

### Clothing for Wet Weather

Please ensure your child comes in with a named, waterproof coat every day. You know how unpredictable the weather can be and we like the children to be outside as much as possible.



**Toast** - Toast is £1 per week. If your child would prefer to eat fruit instead that week please let us know and we can inform Mrs Robertson. The easiest way is to pay online via eduspot for the term or up to half term.



**Please remember to name all items of clothing - especially coats, jumpers and cardigans!**

### Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a named water bottle at school so that they can have a drink throughout the day. They will be sent home each afternoon and are to be brought in filled the following morning.

