

Life in All its Fullness - Come and See



Year 1

Autumn 2021 Newsletter

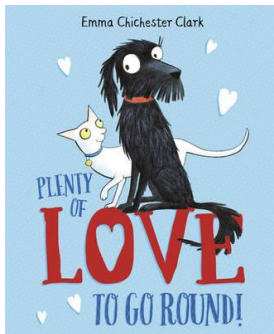


Welcome back to the Autumn Term. We hope that you have all had a fantastic holiday and are looking forward to the new school year.

Outlined below are the topics that will be covered in the first term of Year 1.

Maths

Our main focus in the first half term will be the concept of numbers up to 20. We will be exploring and reasoning about number whilst investigating ways of representing and manipulating numbers using a range of practical resources. This crucial learning will give the vital understanding needed to move onto calculation strategies in the second half term.



English

Our first topic is using the book 'Plenty of Love to Go Round' to write lists, captions and sentences. Throughout the term we will look at stories with predictable phrasing, such as 'Farmer Duck' and 'A Squash and A Squeeze'. Finally, we will begin to investigate poetry by exploring rhymes and poems, followed by Christmas acrostic poems in the second half of term.

Science

Magical Materials involves exploring different materials, how they can be sorted, classified and used. We will also look at how their properties allow them to be changed. The children will then have opportunity to apply this knowledge in exciting, practical tasks. In the second half of term, we will deepen our knowledge of the seasons, particularly focusing on the changes from autumn to winter.



History/Geography

We will alternate History and Geography each half term in year one. Our History topic, alongside our Art topic, will be looking at Henry Moore. We will be learning about him as a person, his art work and sculptures, and his connection to Much Hadham. In Autumn 2, our Geography topic is 'The Local Area'. We will recognise different characteristics of the area around us.

Relationships and Health Education (Jigsaw)

In Year 1, we will be using our excellent Jigsaw scheme of work, starting with "Being Me", exploring who we are - what makes us the same and what makes us special. We will then move onto "Celebrating Difference" and what we can learn from each other.

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R.E.

In R.E. we will be exploring the question 'Why is belonging to God and the church family important to Christians?' We will explore Christianity, baptism and the Church. In Autumn 2, we will look at Judaism and answer 'Why is learning to do good deeds important to Jewish people?' by understanding Mitzvot and Tzedakah.



Art and D.T.

Year 1 will also alternate Art and D.T. each term. We will be creating work inspired by Henry Moore's sculptures and techniques, beginning with sketching and moving on to clay work. In D.T. we will learn how to create free standing structures using different methods and techniques.



PE

The children will have PE on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** every week. Please ensure that children come to school in their PE kits on those days. We will practise navigating space and ball skills. Please ensure your child has a named jumper and either leggings or jogging bottoms as we may be outside for our lessons. You may also wish to provide your child with extra socks.



Computing

Purple Mash is our brilliant Computing scheme and we will be working on accessing online tools safely and learning how to use a keyboard and login system. In Autumn 2 we will use the computer to group and sort objects.

Music

Using our excellent new music scheme, Charanga, our module is 'Hey You!' followed by 'Rhythm In The Way We Walk' in the second half of term.



Further information:

Reading: We wish to encourage the children to do as much reading as possible and appreciate your support in this by listening to them on a daily basis. Your child will be able to independently change their book once they have finished it. Reading a book more than once has many benefits and actually aids fluency so please do not be afraid to do this. **Please record what they have read in their reading records, detailing page numbers where appropriate.**

Homework tasks will be set via **Evidence Me** on a weekly basis. The maths task will help to consolidate their learning from that week. This may be a formal or practical task. Phonic flashcards will also be sent home. In line with our homework policy, the expectation is that Key stage 1 children spend 10-20 minutes each day on home learning (to include reading).

Healthy snacks will be provided for the children daily so bringing in ones from home is not necessary. Please remember a named water bottle.

We are really looking forward to a fabulous term, with lots of new learning and experiences for the children, celebrating **life in all its fullness**.

Miss Sharp, Mrs Miller, Miss Stayt and Mrs Porter

