



# Owl Class

YearOne Newsletter, Autumn 1



Welcome to Owl Class!

We hope that you have had a fabulous summer. We are looking forward to getting to know all of your lovely children during this half term. Year 1 is a little different to Reception so if you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to catch us at the door or email the office and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Our door is always open!

## Dates for your diary

Individual Photographs  
Thursday 18th September

Phonics Meeting for  
parents.

Wednesday 24th  
September - 4-4.30pm

Open Classrooms

Wednesday 8th October

Parents Evening

Tuesday 14th October &  
Wednesday 22nd October

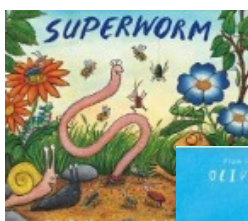
Staff Training Days

Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th  
October

## What we are learning

This half term our topic is 'Me and My World'. In Geography, we will be finding out about 'Our Local Area' and making maps of the school and Church Fenton. We will be learning about 'Our Body and Senses' in Science and we will be thinking about 'Who is a Christian and what do they believe?' in RE. In English, we are excited to be continuing with Drawing Club and we will be looking at a different book each week to support our writing.

Some of our focus texts are:



## Reading

Reading books will be sent home on Monday and will be changed each Monday.

## Spellings

In Year 1, spellings are part of the weekly homework. The children will access Spelling Shed to support their learning. Logins and further information will be sent out over the next few weeks. 

## PE Days

PE days will be **Tuesday & Thursday**. Please ensure kits meet our uniform requirements (no wording or branding other than the school badge).

## Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a coat and a water bottle in school every day!

## Phonics

We will continue to follow the Little Wandle phonics scheme. This half term we will be recapping phase 3 & phase 4 sounds. We will then begin to teach phase 5 sounds. We will update you regularly on our teaching of phonics and how you can support your child at home. This half term we will be recapping all of the 49 tricky words from reception. Your child needs to be secure sight reading all of these words before moving on to Year 1 words. Further information about how you can help with spelling tricky words will be sent out in a couple of weeks after we have completed a short assessment.

## Maths



In Maths we will be counting with objects to 10, comparing numbers, finding one more and one less and practising our number bonds to 10. We will also be focussing on forming all numbers up to 10 correctly.

Accessing Numbots regularly will hugely improve your child's mental maths skills. This is part of your child's weekly homework. Logins will be sent out next week.

Our KIRFS (Key instant recall facts) for this half term are to count to 50 and to say one more and one less than a given number to 10.

## Our Values for this half term are

### Respect & Kindness

To appreciate the beauty and bounty of the world around us and to value the families, gifts and opportunities that we have been given.

Let your light shine - Matthew 5:15-16

From Mrs Slater, Mrs Poskitt, Mrs Darnton  
and Mrs Ellison

