

Useful ways to support learning at home:

Reading Information

During our read, write inc sessions we focus on the routine:

*Special friends (spot digraphs or trigraphs – 2 or 3 letters which make one sound)

*Fred talk (sound the word out)

*Read the word (blend the sounds to read the word)

Please remind your child of this process when they reach word they are unable to read.

Please be aware there are some words which cannot be decoded (sounded out) we call these red words and will be learning them in our phonics lessons.

Please also work with your child to discuss what they have read and discuss whether they have enjoyed the book. It is also useful for your child to hear you read to them in order for them to access and hear text which is more adventurous than they are able to read themselves yet. This will support them with reading for pleasure and extending their vocabulary. They will bring home a library book to support them with this.

Important Information:

- **Please** listen to your children read at least 5 times a week and sign their reading records.
- Encourage your children to go on Lexia and Numbots. Your child's login details have been provided. If you need another copy, please let us know.

Helping in school

If you are available and would like to volunteer in school or with school trips, please speak to your class teacher.

Contact Details

School Office admin@yewtree.herts.sch.uk



Year 1 1 Willow and 1 Chestnut Autumn Term 1

Autumn 1 Dates

INSET Days: Monday 2nd September 2024

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

School Starts: Wednesday 4th September 2024

Half Term: Monday 28th October 2024 - Friday 1st November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you had a restful and enjoyable Summer.

We are very happy with how well the children have settled into Year 1 and have engaged with their new learning. We have really enjoyed getting to know the children and we are looking forward to teaching them over the next year.

Classroom doors will open at 8:30 and will be closed at 8:55. Bagels will be served within this time. If children arrive after 8:55, they will need to sign in at the office and will be marked as late.

We have two PE lesson per week. 1 Chestnut's PE days are Wednesday and Thursday 1 Willow's PE days are Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure the children arrive to school in their PE kits. Long hair should be tied back and earrings removed or covered.

Please do contact us if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's work and school life.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

What we are learning in school:

Maths:

In Autumn 1, Year 1 will begin to develop our maths fluency skills and number facts.

Key learning for this half term:

- Positional language and ordinal numbers
- Finding patterns
- Counting and comparing
- Estimating and ordering
- Regrouping the whole
- Part Whole addition and subtraction

English:

In Autumn 1, Year 1 will be focussing on letter formation, writing labels and captions, writing simple sentences and using correct punctuation. We will be focusing on the following books:

- Jasper's Beanstalk
- Puffin Peter
- Purple is (Poetry)

Reading:

The children will be read to daily in school to help build on the comprehension skills and the children will read daily in our Read Write Inc. lessons.

Read Write Inc:

The children will take part in daily Read Write Inc lessons. In these lessons they will learn a new phoneme (sound) and how to read the sound in a word. They will then learn how to use their 'Fred Fingers' to help them spell words using their phonics knowledge. Keep a look out for information on our phonics workshops.

Parents Guide to support with Phonics

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>

This site will provide some helpful tips and videos to develop your own knowledge of phonics and be able to support your child effectively at home. There are also printable resources and e-books available.

What we are learning in school:

Geography: Our Local Area - The children will be learning what is in our local area, map skills and geographical similarities and differences.

Art and Design: Portraits - The children will be exploring different artists and their interpretation of portraits. The children will use a range of materials to create their own portraits inspired by these artists.

Science: The Human Body - The children will be learning to identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body. We will also be looking at which part of the body is associated with which sense.

RE: The children will learn about the Christian creation story. They will learn about the key events within the story and be able to retell it using key vocabulary. They will begin to understand that some Christians believe different things about creation.

PE: Skills - The children will be learning agility skills and how to run efficiently.

Music: Sing Up! - The children will be exploring singing and musical instruments through many different pieces of music such as marching bands.

Computing: Programming - The children will be using algorithms to programme a BeeBot. The children will also learn how to stay safe on the computer or digital device.

PSHE: Being Me - The children will be learning to recognise feelings, understand their rights and responsibilities and understand that their views and opinions are important.