Maths

We begin our Autumn Term 2 exploring a range of topics such as:

- counting in 2's, 5's and 10's
- recognising half of objects and amounts
- capacity – using more than and less than
- recognise coins
- use timed language
- assessments of knowledge

All these topics will be broken down into smaller manageable chunks of learning to support your child's learning and help them remember this in their long term memory.

NORTH WALKDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Reach for the Stars

November – December 2026

English

Our English learning this half term we will be writing

- a character description
- a setting description
- a letter

These pieces of writing will be based on The Gruffalo, Tiddler and A letter to Santa.

Our grammar focus is using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops correctly. Throughout all our pieces we will be showing our understanding of these skills and build on this by using the conjunction 'and'. We will be practising writing from the margin, using the correct letter sizing and writing all the letters on the line

What we will be learning…

Science – materials

- Naming materials
- Material detectives
- Introduction to properties
- Is it absorbent?
- Is it waterproof?
- Is it tough?

Geography – What is it like here?

- Where in the world are we?
- What can we see in our classroom?
- What can we find in our school grounds?
- Where are the different things in school?
- How do we feel about our playground?
- How can we make our playground even better?

PSHE – Economic well being – money
RE – How and why do we celebrate special and sacred times?
DT - Make a pencil pot
Computing – Coding
Music – Christmas show
PE - Dance

Our school core value is Respect. We will be practising taking turns, listening to others and using our manners.

I hope your ready for another fun term Year One!

General Reminders

Uniform – Please send your child into school with full uniform and black shoes including ties and jumpers/cardigans. Please ensure your *child's name is on their clothing* especially ties and jackets, as they may misplace them and we will find it easier to return these items if we know who they belong too. With many children in the class, it may be hard to find a lost item if they have no name.

Homework – Homework will be given to take home *every Friday and handed back into school on a Wednesday.* It is important that you encourage and support your children with their homework, but *please do not do it for them.*

PE – Year ones PE day is on a *Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday afternoon*. Please send your child into school with their full PE kit. *This will be either school jacket, white PE top and shorts or joggers. Your child may also wear plain black leggings and a plain white top with a school jumper or cardigan over the top.* Your child will also need sensible shoes to participate in the lesson. Please refrain from sending your child in colourful clothes or football kits as this is not our policy. If you would like to discuss the expectations of PE clothing please speak with a teacher or the office.

Reading Books - Please make sure children have their reading books and reading journals in school every day. *We expect your child to read a minimum of 3 times a week at home*, this will massively support your child's reading age, phonics understanding and support their spellings. Please also sign your child's journal if you have read at home, *we will only change your child's book on a Wednesday if they have read the book three times at home and the journal has been signed three times to reflect this. Your child may need to repeat some stories, this is to build their sounds knowledge and fluency.*

Water bottles and snack – School will be providing the children with water and fruit for playtime. However, if you would like to send your child with a small piece of fruit and a small water bottle this is also okay. Please do not send anything other than fruits for playtime.

Important dates – Please look out for our *Friday newsletter* sent out on school spider, this will contain important dates for your child's time at school and any events around school.