

Year 1
Miss Jones, Mrs Crawshaw and Miss Macmillan
Autumn 2

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Dear parents / carers,
We hope you've had a lovely break and are now ready to continue your Year One journey

It's going to be a great year of fun filled, creative learning, hard work and fantastic experiences.

Reminders:

- Reading books come into school everyday.
- PE is on Wednesday - children must have a full PE named in school.

Kind regards,
Miss Jones, Mrs Crawshaw and Miss Macmillan.

English

Children will explore stories with repetitive patterns through Zog by Julia Donaldson, developing their reading, writing and storytelling skills. They will also enjoy poetry and explore a range of non-fiction texts, developing their understanding of different types of writing.

Maths

In maths, children will explore and recognise 2D and 3D shapes, learning to describe their properties. They will develop their understanding of sequencing and sorting, explore simple fractions, and compare capacity and volume through practical activities. Children will also learn to recognise coins and notes, understand their values and use money in everyday situations

ICT

Children will explore digital painting tools to create and improve their own artwork. They will learn to select colours, use different tools and develop their creativity using technology.

Phonics

This half term, we will continue our phonics lessons alongside **Ash Class**. Children will learn new sounds every day in groups matched to their phonic ability, helping them to build confidence, fluency and accuracy in reading and spelling.

Music

Children will explore rhythm and pulse through singing, clapping and playing instruments. They will develop their listening skills, keep a steady beat and build confidence performing together.

PE

Children will develop their throwing, catching and bouncing skills through fun games and activities. They will improve their coordination, control and teamwork through a range of ball games.

RE

Children will explore why people give and receive gifts at Christmas, learning about Jesus as God's special gift to the world. They will reflect on the joy of giving receiving and showing kindness to others.

PSED

Children will explore friendships, showing respect and recognising bullying. Through myHappymind, they will learn to celebrate their strengths, achievements and what makes themselves and others special.

DT

Children will explore freestanding structures and learn how to make them strong and stable. They will design, build, test and improve their own shelter for a local park or playground.

Geography

This half term, children will explore their school and the local area of Accrington, identifying human and physical features. They will develop their geographical skills through fieldwork, aerial photographs and creating simple maps using symbols and keys.

Science

This half term children will explore everyday materials, identifying and comparing their different properties. They will also investigate seasonal changes, observing how the weather, environment and length of daylight change throughout the year.