



Autumn Newsletter Year 1



Topic Overview and Key Text:



Our key texts this term is **‘Little Red Riding Hood’**. A traditional folk tale with lovely illustrations. We have followed Little Red Riding Hood and read about her encounters with a greedy wolf!. A repeated refrain (“What big eyes/hands/teeth you have!” encourages children to join in when reading the story.

Exciting Events:

Thursday 1st December: Trip Electro Park where we will fly the kites we have made in DT, go for an autumn walk, and have a picnic just like Little Red Riding Hood does in the story.

Please keep an eye on School Spider for information about permission and payments.

If you have any contacts, objects of interest or experiences you could share with our children, please see your child's class teacher. It would help make the topics even more exciting.

Our Learning:

Maths

In Maths we continue to focus on deepening our knowledge of numbers to 20. We have focussed on recalling quick fire facts—see your child's weekly homework for ideas on how you can help your child with this.

Writing

In English we have continued to use talk to support the children with the writing process. Along the way we have been building our knowledge of composing and structuring sentences. We have orally retold the story using actions and a story map to help us. The children also learnt how to write their own fact files, recounts and instructions.

Reading

All of the children in Year 1 attend daily phonics lessons using the Read Write Inc phonics programme. Your child will be given a new Read Write Inc book every Thursday – please **listen to your child read** this every day before bringing it back the following Wednesday. A library book will also be sent home every week please enjoy **reading this book to your child**.

Year 1 learning:

We always continue with our thematic curriculum that creates meaningful links between the children's learning in English, science, humanities and creative arts with our key text as the main driver.

Science – We are learning about everyday materials and their properties. We used this knowledge when building our kites. Thinking carefully about what materials we should use.

Art – We have looked at the work of the artist **Helen Zughaib** and created our own pieces of art inspired by her.

Design and Technology: We have built our own kites to fly when we visit electro park.






Geography – We have learnt all about where we live, our local community and how it relates to how they change and how they affect the world around us.

Computing – Children's knowledge of the risks of their online lives and to develop skills when using online services.

RE – We continue our learning about Christianity. *What gifts might Christians in my town have given to Jesus if he had been born here rather than in Bethlehem?*

PSHE – We have been identifying similarities and differences in people and recognising that we are all equal and that it is acceptable to be different.

Year 1 Routines

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| | <p>Please return your homework and reading book today.</p>  <p>Year 1H Indoor PE lessons – indoor PE kit needed:</p>  | <p>Year 1PG Indoor PE lessons – indoor PE kit needed:</p>  | <p>1H outdoor PE.</p>  <p>You will receive a new reading book, library book and homework. Please log any reading in your child's reading journal.</p> | <p>1PG outdoor PE</p>  |

Breakfast Club

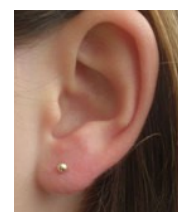
Breakfast club starts at 8.00 and closes at 8.30 so that all children can be served breakfast before 8.55. It is all free!



Uniform

The only jewellery that children are allowed to wear to school are earrings and these must be small round studs.

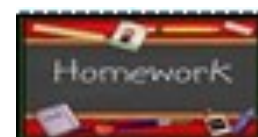
Please ensure your child comes to school in plain black school shoes.



Homework

Homework will be given out on paper for all classes each week. It will go out on Thursday and will be due in the following Tuesday.

Homework will consist of Spellings, Maths Facts, Reading and optional Topic based activities.



Helping my child to read:

What can you do?

1. Use 'Special Friends', 'Fred Talk',
read the word' to read words
2. Practise reading sounds speedily -
'review, review, review'
3. Listen to your child read their Storybook
every day

There are free video tutorials on this website –

www.ruthmiskin.com

Select 'More and International' at the top, then 'Home reading'
from the drop-down list:

They are also on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/miskin.education

Dates for your Diary

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| Monday 5th December | Santa Stomp |
| Tuesday 6th December | Christmas lunch, party and Christmas jumper day for EYFS + Year 1. |
| Thursday 8th December | Christmas Pantomime. |
| Wednesday 14th December | EYFS show for Nursery parents, (AM), Key Stage 1 Nativity Performance for Year 1 parents (PM) |
| Thursday 15th December | EYFS show for Reception parents, (AM), Key Stage 1 Nativity Performance for Year 2 parents (PM) |
| Friday 16th December 2022 | End of Autumn term for pupils at 3.15pm. |

Our school website has information about what we are doing in school and lots more:

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