Year 1 Newsletter November 2026

Hello everybody!

This half term our topic is 'Events and Celebrations'. We will learn the historical events and stories behind modern day celebrations around the world. We will learn about Bonfire Night. Remembrance Day, and the monarch's birthday this half term.

Creative development

In DT we are designing, planning, making and evaluating a fruit kebab.

Maybe you could: Practice age appropriate and supervised cooking / cutting skills

Language, Literacy & communication

We will be reading stories with repeating patterns. We may then move on to poems, time permitting.

Maybe you could: Practice recognising rhyming words in rhyming books such as Jolly Postman and the Gruffalo

Physical Development

We will continue to be taught by specialist teachers in PE – our PE day is still Thursday.

Maybe you could: Ensure you keep active even in the colder weather!

Homework, spelling and special dates:

Please continue to complete homework and reading every week. Well done so far, we have had a super uptake and we are seeing the positive attitudes to learning at home being brought into the classroom. If every piece is handed in by Thursday the week it is due, you will get a dip in the prize box at the end of half term.

Nativity dates TBC ASAP, we will keep you up to date!

Mathematical Development

In maths we will be learning about part whole models and using these to add and subtract. A BIG focus will be that this symbol = means 'is equal to' or 'is the same as' as children often develop misconceptions around this symbol's use.

Maybe you could: Look at 'fact families' of 3 numbers such as 2, 4 and 6, and see if you can make an addition number sentence using them.

Knowledge & Understanding of the world

In science, the children will be learning about seasonal changes from Autumn to winter.

Maybe you could: Discuss seasonal changes on regular walks, discuss the temperature, animal behaviour, tree changes with your child.

Personal & Social Development, wellbeing & cultural diversity

Our PSHE topic is 'me and others'. We will be thinking about personal responsibility and what we like about others, as well as things that make us all different.

Maybe you could: Think about things you could do to make other people's days better.