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10<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 1,

Welcome to the Autumn Term and to Year 1.

We would like to share with you the exciting learning planned for the term. We hope that the information below helps you support your child over the coming term. Our topic for the first half of term will be 'down in the woods' and for the second half of term it will be Wonderful Windsor and castles. We will be running a trip to Windsor Castle to support our learning in this topic.

**Reading**

Over the course of this term in reading the children will be covering the following objectives:

- I can read a story with my teacher
- I know what lists, labels and captions are
- I can read a poem and identify where the writer talks about the senses
- I can show I understand what has been read to me
- I can identify fiction and non-fiction

This will be done through guided reading sessions at school and reading homework.

The children will have the opportunity to change their reading books on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please read with your child 5 times a week and sign the reading diary.

**Writing**

In writing throughout all subjects, it is expected that the children will always use a pencil to write with, use capital letters and full stops correctly and write using the cursive script.

In our writing lessons we will be covering the following objectives:

- I can write sentences using full stops correctly
- I can write sentences using capital letters at the beginning correctly
- I can write a caption
- I can write a poem
- I can use adjectives to describe a character
- I can write a story with a beginning, middle and end
- I can write a recount
- I can form the digits 0-9 correctly

You can help at home by supporting your child to practise their cursive handwriting.



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### **Mathematics**

In our maths lessons we will be covering the following objectives:

☑ I can count up to 100

- I can put all the numbers from 0 to 20, and beyond, in the right order
- I understand that numbers stay the same even if objects are moved around
- I understand what one more and one less means when counting in ones
- I know my number bonds for the number 10
- I can add one-digit numbers to 20
- I can subtract one-digit numbers to 20

I know the doubles of all numbers to at least 10

- I can recognise and name common 2D shapes
- I can describe 2D shapes
- I can solve one step problems that involve addition and subtraction
- I can describe position direction
- I know the value of notes and coins

You can help at home by ensuring that your child regularly completes their weekly Abacus homework.

### **Science**

In our Science we will be studying the topic of materials and through this looking at the different properties of materials as well as grouping them based on this. We will also be exploring the seasons starting with autumn and winter. The children will be looking at what the plants, animals and weather are like at this time of the year. We will also look at our senses.

### **Computing**

This term the children in Class 1 will be developing essential mouse and keyboard skills. They will be exploring creative software for Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day when they will have work to print and take home. The children will learn to open and save their work and create simple games. There are lots of activities the children can practise using Purple Mash. 2DIY is a great starting point. <https://www.purplemash.com/sch/trinityststephen> (Log in as class 1 password is tss)

### **History and Geography**

Our topic this half term is maps and their features. After half term we will be comparing old and new buildings. We will look at the features of Windsor Castle and we will draw maps of the local area.

### **Art and Design Technology**

The children will be colour mixing to create their own forests. They will be producing observational drawing and paintings, using water colours. They will make 3D castles or houses and design a clay



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plaque for their house.

### **Music**

The children will be working on the songs 'Hey You!' and 'Little Angel Gets Her Wings.' Through these, they will be exploring pitch, rhythm and pulse. They will also be beginning to develop their singing skills and ability to play simple instruments.

### **Physical Education**

The children will have two PE sessions a week, one with Mr Smith on a Thursday and the other on a Monday. This term the focus will be gymnastics and multi-skills. We are also joining other Windsor schools for a 'multi-skill meet up', which should be fun!

### **RE**

The children will be exploring the story of creation and they will be considering what the world means to them and how they can help to look after it. They will also learn about the Nativity story and they will be consider what gifts they might have given to the baby Jesus.

Please support your child with their home learning and remember that learning should be meaningful and fun. If you are experiencing difficulties with homework please do let us know. If you are able to support your child's learning by visits to places of interest that are linked to our topics please encourage them to tell us about it – or bring in a postcard or souvenir to talk about.

We will, as always be keeping in touch through our Class News.

Kind regards,

Miss Horth