

# Year 1 Autumn Newsletter

September 2024

Welcome back to Harrison! We can't wait to teach your child this year and give them the best Year 1 experience. We look forward to meeting you at our 'Meet the teacher/open classroom visits' on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September from 3.30 till 4pm.

Each day includes a Phonics, English and Maths activity. The children will use the skills learnt in these core subjects to enhance their learning in lessons such as Science, RE, PSHE, History etc. During the day your child may work with a partner, in a small group, individually or as part of a whole class.

We also take full advantage of our outdoor provision regardless of the weather so please ensure your child has a named coat and appropriate footwear for all weathers.

## English- reading and writing



In English, we will be looking at lots of exciting books to inspire both our fiction and non-fiction writing. We will continue to practise our ability to rhyme, to hear sounds within words and to phonetically write each grapheme. We will reinforce sentence expectations and explore using adjectives.

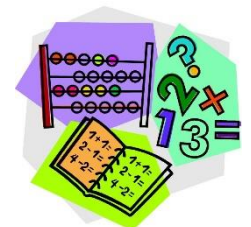
At home, it is important to hear your child read at least four times a week, it doesn't have to be for long. A few pages can sometimes be enough for some children. This will increase language, fluency and understanding of a text. Please record when you read with your child in their yellow reading diary and ensure these are brought in every day. Your child will be awarded a yellow responsibility merit point weekly for having four or more reads recorded. We will also be using Oxford Owls (website) to set books to complete at home each Friday. This will be linked to the sounds we have learnt in phonics. Please ensure you have tried your child's log in details, found at the front of their reading diary ready for when this starts.

We use Kinetic Letters as our handwriting scheme at Harrison. We will continue to work on the correct formation of letters and numbers throughout the year.

## Maths

This term, we will continue to explore numbers to 10. We will practise counting forwards and backwards from any given number to 10 and begin to compare numbers discussing which quantity is more or less. Your child will also begin to recognise numbers as words. We will then explore adding and subtracting using a range of resources such as numicon, dienes, counters, a tens frame and number lines.

Please use every opportunity to incorporate numbers 0-10 within your day to day life such as looking for numbers on your way home from school, discussing who has more or less carrots left to eat and encouraging your child to recognise numbers as words e.g. eight. Asking your child to count how many apples you have in the kitchen or asking them to sort the cutlery, fruit or clothing items will all be beneficial to your child's development.



## Foundation Curriculum

This half term we will teach your child a range of subjects such as:

Science- we will learn about ourselves and find out more about our bodies and their functions. We will see if we can name parts of our body such as skull or backbone.

Computing- our focus will be learning how to type on a laptop. We will explore where the letters are, how to find a capital and lowercase letter as well as how to use a mouse.

Music- we will use different musical instruments to explore sounds, rhythm and pitch.

RE- the children will be given the opportunity to think about their own experience of the concept of thanking someone and what that means to people.

PE/Games- we will continue to develop our gross motor skills in our indoor and outdoor sessions.

History- our focus will be looking at the changes within living memory in particularly toys and how they have changed.

PSHE- we will learn about what is the same and what is different about us.

## Other important information

There will be fruit available for the children to have if they wish, however if you would like to provide them with a healthy snack (e.g. other fruit/ vegetable sticks etc to have during our break times, you are more than welcome to). **We have several severe nut allergies in the year group, so we ask that you do not send any snacks containing nuts. Thank you.**

Please ensure that your child brings their book bag everyday as they will be expected to read each week with adults at schools.



**Thank you for being patient at the end of the school day whilst the children learn the new routines and staff familiarise themselves with the different adults collecting.**

We look forward to closely working with you to enhance your child's learning.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or need support with your child's learning.

Year 1 Team- Miss Gillespie, Mrs Gooding, Mrs Rayner, Mrs Bord and Mrs Cusley