

Year 1 Autumn 2 Newsletter

Attendance

Regular attendance is essential to ensure uninterrupted progress and to enable children to exceed their potential. We actively involve the children in achieving this by holding weekly assemblies with a reward for each class who has 100% attendance. Certificates are awarded termly and yearly for all children who achieve 100%. With these rewards in place, the children wholeheartedly strive to be part of the winning class and the support of each other is a pleasure to see; please support your child and ensure they are regular attenders.

Good attendance is important because: your child needs to be in the academy to be able to learn and achieve; lessons are taught in a sequence and it can be difficult to catch up if a lesson is missed; children need to have relationships with others and to form lasting friendships; it develops a child's confidence to attempt new work and to work alongside others.

Pupil Reward Points

Being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing!

The reward scheme allows children to earn credits for showing 'Green Behaviour' which may consist of trying hard in their work, being courteous and polite (possibly holding a door open), showing respect to others, arriving at school in time for registration and having the correct uniform. The children earn credits towards experiences at the end of each half-term.



Writing

Every two weeks, the Spiders and the Bears will be studying a specific story linked to their Topic which will serve as a stimulus to their writing in lessons. This term we will be looking at a variety of stories - some with a twist! We will be looking at a range of text types; including narratives, and reports.

There is an additional 30 minute phonics and handwriting session four times a week.

We also have a daily guided reading session in which children do a range of activities such as focused work with the teacher, comprehension, phonics tasks and the use of ICT.

Big Writing is part of this pattern and allows the children to produce an independent piece of extended writing, to 'show off' what they know and have learnt.

Your child has a home reading book. This book is appropriate for the level your child is secure at and is classed as an 'easy read' to give them confidence and help with their comprehension. We ask for you to write a comment in your child's reading journal based on how they read and find the text. Reading books are changed once a week.



Maths

The Spiders and Bears are learning to count and **reason**. This enables the children to explain how they get their answers and explores their answers. One way to help children use their reasoning skills is within questioning, such as:

- How do you know...?
- How did you solve the problem...?
- Prove how you know...?

We also have weekly arithmetic papers on a Friday to test our mental maths knowledge so we recommend plenty of addition, subtraction and times table (x2, x5 and x10) practise at home.



Reading

To promote *reading for pleasure*, we have Bug Club.

Bug Club is a fantastic online resource that allows reading to be interactive and exciting. It takes children on a personalised reading journey where the only limits are their imaginations. Not only does it allow children to read a range of books online, but it also delivers comprehension style questioning to promote children's understanding of the books that they have read.



All children should have been provided with usernames and passwords for the website. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you require another copy.

P.E.

Spiders lessons are on **Monday (indoor)** and **Thursday (outdoor)**

Bears lessons are on **Monday (outdoor)** and **Friday (indoor)**

The academy has supplied each child with an indoor P.E. kit.

Please bring trainers and an outdoor PE kit on your child's outdoor PE day. Outdoor PE shoes are essential for the safety of your children. Please see the uniform policy on the website for further details.

Homework

Homework will be set each week.

It will consist of:

- **Maths** - This goes out on a Friday and is to be completed by the following Thursday.
- **Spellings**—These are to be practised in preparation for a weekly spelling test every Friday.
- **Talk Homework** - This will be sent every second Wednesday in preparation for Friday's Big Write. This encourages children to talk about their writing ideas at home with an adult.
- **Reading**—Each child will have their own reading book, which they will need to practise at home. Children are required to read 4 x a week at home.

Topic

This term our topic will be focussed around the question'
How and where did the wheels on the bus go?'



As **GEOGRAPHERS** we will be learning all about how far we have travelled around the United Kingdom and also about where we live and what is so special about Hull.

As **WRITERS** we will be writing a narrative about the Naughty Bus and its adventures. We will be using adjectives, conjunctions and also using exclamation marks.

As **ARTISTS and DESIGNERS** we will be exploring vehicles and designing our own vehicles that move.

Remember to keep up to date with us!

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