



# Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2023 - Year 1

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Welcome to the Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter. This is a summary of the learning planned for the Autumn Term.

If you have any concerns about your child's learning please contact the School Office in the first instance.

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#### Topic

This term, our topic is 'Our Amazing Area'. We will learn all about our local area and the ways that people's lives in the local area have changed over time. As part of our history learning, we will learn about what life was like when our grandparents were our age; we will look at how toys have changed and how life in school may have been different. We will even try different sweets that our grandparents may have enjoyed! In geography, we will find out more about our local area, beginning with a walk around Tettenhall. We will look at maps of the local area and begin to find some of the buildings that we observed on our walk. We will consider places that are 'near' and 'far' from our local area.



#### Maths

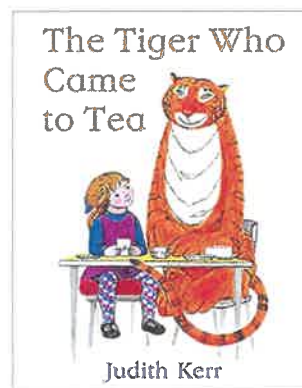
In our maths lessons this term, we will begin comparing measures such as length, capacity and weight. We will then compare sets of objects by using careful counting and practice using the symbols  $<$ ,  $>$  and  $=$  when comparing two numbers.

We will also spend time exploring numbers, firstly focusing on numbers to ten and then moving on to larger numbers up to 100. We will partition numbers in different ways and explore whether numbers are odd or even. We will find out what is one more and one less than a given number.

We will all take part in weekly club sheets beginning with number facts linked to the number 5 and then moving on to family 10 and family 20 facts as we become more confident.

#### English

We will have daily phonics lessons in Year 1, following the Read Write Inc programme - most of us will be working on using our set 2 and 3 sounds to help us read words and to become more fluent readers. In our writing lessons, we will begin by focusing on the story 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. We will retell the story, orally first, and then using written sentences. Our writing focus will be to write simple sentences, using our phonics knowledge to help us spell words phonetically correctly. We will practice using finger spaces between words and will begin to use capital letters and full stops in our sentences.



#### Further Information

##### Seasons Walk

As part of our science learning, we will be taking notice of the changing seasons through the year. On both Thursday 5th October and Wednesday 6th December, we will go on a seasons walk along the track at the back of school so children will need to bring wellies or old trainers on these days. A reminder text will be sent!

##### Topic Day

On Tuesday 7th November, we will be going for a walk around our local area. During our walk, we will visit some different landmarks around Tettenhall such as Lower Green and St Michael's Church to support us in our understanding of finding different locations on a map.



##### PE

This term, Year 1 will have PE lessons on Monday and Friday afternoons so please make sure PE kits are in school on these days. Please remember to take earrings out for school on PE days.

##### Diary Dates

29.09.23 - St Michael's Day Service  
29.09.23 - Book Fair arrives in school  
04.10.23 - Parents' Evening 5 - 8pm  
05.10.23 - Parents' Evening 3.30 - 5.30pm  
09.10.23 - School Photographs  
20.10.23 - Harvest Festival

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