



## Year 1 Autumn Term 2 Newsletter

Welcome back Year 1! The weather's getting chillier, but the classrooms are nice and warm, ready for another term of outstanding learning.

### Our Learning Journey

In History we will be looking at the Gun Powder Plot, we will be learning many different facts about the era and travelling back in time to learn how and why this historical event took place. Geography will have the children learning how to use a map and why a map is used. In Science, we will be observing the seasonal changes in Autumn and Winter and giving reasoning as to why this happens. It's going to be a busy but a wonderful learning adventure.

### RE

For our RE topic this term we are learning about Christmas and what it means to Christians. We will be looking at traditions, celebrations and the reason behind it.

We will spend the term discussing our big question –

**'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?'**

### Christmas Show

It is that time of year again! We are so excited to begin practising the Christmas Show (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December) and hope to see you all there for the performance.

The children have been asked if they would like a speaking part, therefore we have based their parts on this. If your child has lines, they will be sent home to learn, please help where you can with expression etc.

Thank you very much in advance.

Please find a copy of the 'Home Learning' activities on google classroom, we love seeing what the children get up to!

### Reading

Thank you so much for your efforts with reading to your children at home. They are working incredibly hard on their phonics/reading in school. A reminder that if the children read 5 times a week at home, they will receive a sticker on their bookmark in school. Once the bookmark is full of stickers, your child will receive a prize!

### Maths

This term has a large focus on addition and subtraction. If you would like to support your children with their basic skills at home, please encourage them to count forwards and backwards within 10 from any given number. Every Friday we will be focussing on number bonds to 10, reiterating these at home would also be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks for your continued support.

This term's Christian value is : **HOPE**

### Dates to put in your diary:

17/11 – Children in Need Day – non-uniform (charitable donation)

24/11 – non-uniform day – donation of chocolate

1/12 – non-uniform day – donation of a bottle (non-alcoholic/alcoholic)

1/12 – Christmas Market – 3-6pm

6 (2pm) & 7 (9.30am)/12 – Year 1 Christmas Show – Parents invited

8/12 – Flu immunisations

8/12 – Christmas Jumper Day - £1 donation

8/12 – Christmas Lunch

20/12 – Christmas Class Parties

21/12 – Christmas Holidays begin

### Reminders

- We will always accept recycled materials for junk modelling etc. so please send them in with your child.
- Please name **ALL** clothing, including jumpers, cardigans, scarves, hats, coats.
- Please use 'busy things' and 'phonics play' at home for interactive games to support your child's learning, particularly in phonics. Please find the usernames and passwords below.

Busy Things – UN: home93133 PW: stone

Phonics Play – UN: stonestmary PW: lantern10