



Year 1 Class Information - Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new year at Parklands Infant and Nursery School and welcome to Year 1! Class 3 are taught by Mrs Bargrove and Class 4 are taught by Miss Whittingham (Monday-Wednesday) and Mrs. Chivers (Wednesday – Friday). We are ably supported by Mrs Crawford-Jones in the classroom. This newsletter is to provide you with further information about Year 1 and what the children will be doing over the coming half term.

P.E.

Class 3 PE days: Tuesday & Thursday

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Please ensure that PE kits are named and in school **at all times**. We recommend that your child has a pair of warm tracksuit bottoms or leggings for the cooler months as we will use the outdoors. Although we have set days for PE, there are sometimes special occasions where the kits are required.

HOMEWORK & READING

Homework will be given out via Class dojo – please keep a look out. Your child will have a homework book to complete activities in and practise spellings. Please also share your child's reading book with them at home and write in their reading diary so we know they have read with you at home. We can't emphasise strongly enough how this time supports your child in all of their learning. Homework will be provided via ClassDojo- please keep a look out!

Parklands Person

This half term we will be helping the children to think about how they can be a **Respectful** Parklands Person. This will be discussed in class, in assemblies and as part of our PSHE (personal, social and health education) work. Please ask your child what they are doing to become a **Respectful** Parklands Person!



Reading

Please ensure that your child has their reading book **in school every day** so that the adults can hear them read and collect scores for our Reading Rainbow! It is important that you support your child with their reading by listening to them read as often as possible– a few pages each night really makes a difference! We ask that your child reads each book at least **three times** before changing them. The first read should be focused on them decoding the words so that they can read through the book. The second and third reads help them to develop their fluency and comprehension. We have a change box in the classroom where your child can put their book and diary if it needs changing before we read with them.

Collecting your child after school

Please inform us if your child is being collected by a different person at the end of the school day. Please note children will not be able to leave school with anyone under the age of fourteen.

Year 1 events

Year 1 will be leading the **Harvest Festival** on Wednesday 8th October at 9:15am. We will be collecting, as usual for the Canaan Trust so any donations of tins and packets would be greatly appreciated.

As part of our Geography topic, we will be going on a **local walk** to develop our understanding of using maps and of the facilities within the local area. We will let you know when this is due to take place but will be dependent on the weather.

Our **Topic Celebration** will take place on Thursday 23rd October at 2:45pm – further details to follow.

Many thanks for your continued support. As ever, please do come and speak to us if you have any questions or concerns or contact us on ClassDojo.

The Year 1 Team

Autumn One in Year 1



English

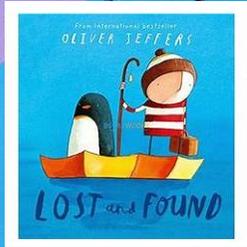
In our English lessons we will be reading **Lost and Found** by **Oliver Jeffers**.

We will develop our story vocabulary by talking about any new and unfamiliar words in the book as we read. Our end of unit writing focus will be to write a story based on **Lost and Found** with the children's ideas for a new character.

Our main objectives will be:

- *Combine words to make sentences.*
- *Leave spaces between words.*
- *Begin to use capital letters and full stops.*
- *Use Capital letters for names of people and the personal pronoun 'I'.*

We are reading...



Phonics

We will be continuing with our daily Read Write Inc lessons. In these lessons the children will learn new sounds and consolidate their prior knowledge. They will learn to read and write words with the new sounds in and read decodable books to improve their fluency and comprehension.

Maths

This half term we will focus on developing a deeper understanding of numbers to 10.

We will learn to count, sort and represent numbers in different ways. We will fill in missing numbers on a number line and add and subtract and compare numbers within 10.

Art

This half term in Art we are learning about line drawing.

We will practise in our sketch books using a range of different media such as different pencils, charcoal, and oil pastels.

We will study and recreate the work of famous artists who use lines to create their artwork such as Kandinsky and Lowry.

Science

We will be learning about animals. We will start by learning about pets and finding out which pets our class have at home. We will be learning about different animal groups and find out which animals are mammals, amphibians, reptiles, birds and fish. We will learn about what foods these animals eat and which animals are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

Geography

In Geography, we will be learning about the United Kingdom. We will learn the four countries of the U.K. and their flags and capital cities. We will also learn the names of the seas surrounding the U.K.

We will then learn about our local area, locating our nearest cities on a map, and investigating the features of our local area.

We will learn about a compass and its four directional points – North, South, East and West.

R.E.

Our focus this half term will be on Christianity.

We will learn about the Christian creation story, the key events within the story and be able to retell it using key vocabulary. We will begin to understand that some Christians believe different things about Creation. We will also start to think about how Christians might try to be stewards of the world and why they may choose to praise God for it.

Music

We will be exploring how to keep the pulse together through music and movement. We will learn how to clap the rhythm of our names in time to the pulse, sway or tap in time to the pulse, sing a rhythm in time with the pulse and much more!

PSHE

Our first puzzle piece is 'Being me in my world'. As part of this they discuss rights and responsibilities, choices and consequences. The children talk about being special and how to make everyone feel safe in their class.

Computing

This half term we will learn about technology around us. We will learn about the main parts of a computer. We will learn about how technology can help us while ensuring that we know how to stay safe when using technology.

PE

Fundamentals

This half term we will focus on the fundamental skills of balancing, running, changing direction, jumping, hopping and skipping. We will practise these skills in isolation and combine them and try to identify our strengths and areas for improvement.

Team Building

In this unit we will develop our teamwork skills. We will work individually, in teams and in pairs, learning to take turns, work collaboratively and lead each other. We will be developing our key skills of communication and problem solving.