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Grove
Primary School

Information

- In order to learn well, children need to be in school every day!
- Help your child to get to school on time. The classroom door will be open at 8:45am and the register is taken at 9:00am.
- Home reading books – at an appropriate reading level - will be changed on a weekly basis. Please ensure books are brought in every day. Please sign the reading record to indicate you have listened to your child read, so we know the book is ready to be changed.
- Send your child to school wearing the correct school uniform. This will help them to feel a valued part of our school community.
- 1SM will need the correct school PE kit in school every Thursday. 1LS will need their correct PE kit in school every Wednesday.

Members of staff in year 1 this year

Year 1LS

Mrs Slater & Mr Escribano

Year 1SM

Mr Marston & Ms Garrett

Year 1 Autumn 2019

Welcome to Year 1.

This leaflet will let you know about the various opportunities your children will have to learn new things in Key Stage 1.

As they move from Reception to Year 1, your children will start to learn in a more structured way. We will be teaching them to present their work neatly in books and you will be able to see their progress at our parents' evenings. They will be encouraged to talk to partners which will help them learn to listen and develop their language skills.

Overleaf, we have given you some more detailed information about subjects such as maths, science and reading but you are welcome to ask us if you would like to know more. Please feel free to talk to staff at the start or end of the day.

'Practice Makes Perfect!'

Reading

The children in Year 1 will have a reading based lesson every day. They will be learning their letters and sounds in RWI lessons and using these to read a range of texts with increasing fluency as they progress.

As well as being able to read the words in the book, comprehension is important so the children will be taught how to find the answers to questions about the text read to show their understanding.

You can support your child by reading for a short time every day. This can be their home reading books from school or a favourite book or comic from home. You can also encourage them to read words all around such as signs, information found on leaflets or packaging or newspapers.

Our Topic

Our topics for the autumn term are 'Amazing Animals' and 'Let's Celebrate!'

In Geography during our Amazing Animals topic children will learn that countries have different weather patterns and seasons, which is why there are different types of animals around the world compared to the United Kingdom. Your child will enjoy a range of art and design lessons learning skills to create work about animals.

During 'Let's Celebrate!' there will be a focus on learning about different celebrations that happen in different countries all around the world, including how the United Kingdom celebrate Christmas. This topic will also involve some food tasting! Yummy!

Science

During our Amazing Animals topic, we are learning all about a range of animals - from pets to wild animals, including what they eat and where they live. We will also compare how they are different and similar to us.

In the second half term we will name parts of our bodies and have fun investigating the parts of the body related to each of the five senses.

Across the term we will also be discovering more about how things around us change in autumn and winter. We will focus on how the leaves change and why, the different weather and how the length of daylight changes between summer and winter.

ICT / Music / Spanish

.Junior Jam are going to provide your child with exciting and practical lessons using a variety of equipment. They are here to give your children lots of expert help with learning more about computers. They will be using drums to find out about rhythm and continuing to practise speaking Spanish.

Useful Websites:

www.bbc.co.uk/education

www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk

www.mymaths.co.uk

www.coxhoe.durham.sch.uk/curriculum-links

Maths

This term we will be developing the children's understanding of addition and subtraction using our *Smart Maths* approach to learning: We will be doing this practically first, then writing down our maths stories which will even include adding and subtracting halves and quarters. Then we will move on to doing simple multiplication calculations.

Ways to help your child

- Practice add and taking away numbers using numbers within 20
- count forwards and back within 50
- count forwards and back in tens within 100
- compare the length of objects using the words longer, longest, shorter, shortest
- find different 2D shapes on the journey to school
- talk about and show them o'clock and half past times
- talk about the value of the coins we use to shop with

Don't Forget...

- Class opens at 8.45am and we start learning then.
- Please ensure your child wears the correct school uniform and is here on time.
- Reading books need to be brought into school every day.
- PE Kit – 1LS –Wednesday
1SM – Thursday
- **Achievers Assembly is on a Friday at 2:45pm.**