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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 8.55am.
- Home reading books – at an appropriate reading level - will be changed on a Monday and Thursday/Friday. Please sign the reading record to indicate you have listened to your child read, so we know the book is ready to be changed.
- Library books – of your child's own choice – will be changed on a Monday.
- Send your child to school wearing the correct school uniform. This will help them to feel a valued part of our school community.
- 1PG will need the correct school PE kit in school every Thursday.
1JW will need their PE kit in school every Friday.

Members of staff in year 1 this year

Year 1JW

Mrs Widdowson & Mrs Downing

Year 1PG

Ms Gibby & Miss Moore

Year 1 Autumn 2018

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 difficulty as they progress.

As well as being able to read the words in the book, the children will be taught how to find the answers to questions about the text they have read to show that they understand.

You can support your child by reading a range of other books or comics with them and also by encouraging them to read words all around. Examples are signs and the information found on leaflets or packaging.

Our Topic

Our topics for the autumn term are 'Toys' and 'Celebrations'.

We are planning to help the children understand that things in the past are different from things they know today by using the example of their toys to show them these changes. If you can talk about the toys that you and their grandparents played with, this will help widen their vocabulary for this topic. In Geography, we are looking at celebrations around the world, finding out about continents and oceans.

For Art, we will be looking at mark-making, collaging and creating firework pictures using different tones and colours.

Science

During the first half of the term, we are going to investigate different materials and why things are made using plastic, metal, wood or glass. It would help if you can talk to your child about various things around the house so they understand what they are made of.

We will then be starting with the science topic 'Our Body'. Your children will be learning the names of the different parts of the body. This topic will also give us chance to explore our five senses: sight, hearing, smell, touch and taste.

Spellings

During the daily English sessions, the children will become more proficient at segmenting the sounds in words in order to be able to write them down and spell words correctly.

In order to do this, children will need to be able to say words clearly so please encourage your child to speak carefully and clearly when you talk to them. In due course, we will let you know the high frequency words they should be able to spell by the end of Year 1.

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

At the start Year 1, we will be developing the children's understanding of addition and subtraction using our *Maths Makes Sense!* 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 and division calculations.

You can help your child to practise their maths skills by talking about adding and taking away numbers from zero to twenty as well as counting up and back to at least 40. If you can talk to your child about telling the time and also the value of the coins we use to shop with, that will support their learning too.

Don't Forget...

The Library is free and a fantastic resource. Our nearest library is:

Wolverhampton Central Library,
Snow Hill,
City Centre,
Wolverhampton
WV1 3AX
01902 552025

History is at our fingertips through Wolverhampton museums, galleries and archives. Find out what is going on across the city by visiting:
www.wolverhamptonart.org.uk/visit/wolves