

## Ashfield Valley Primary School Year 1 Autumn 1 Newsletter

### English

The children will be writing about lots of different topics this term. They will use their ideas to articulate and write sentences. We will be focusing on how to use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. It is also important for the children to form letters correctly so handwriting will be a big focus. The children will learn how to spell common words throughout their work.



### Mathematics

In maths the children will be doing lots of number work. They will be counting out objects, adding and subtracting numbers, learning to form numbers correctly and will be counting in 2's to name a few things. In Year One the children get to use lots of visual aids such as number lines and a 100 square to help them with their work.



### Science

The children will be learning about the human body and senses to start the year. We will be investigating how our body works through different experiments and observations, such as how our senses of sight and smell work (see knowledge organiser).



### Religious Education

In R.E the children will be learning about the world and how different religions believe we should look after it and care for others.



Dear Parents/Guardians,

In Year One the children are beginning to learn how to become independent and confident learners. This newsletter will give you an idea of all of the different things that we will be doing.

A few reminders:

- Your child will be bringing a reading book home. Please listen to your child read and write a small comment in the reading record about how they have done.
- Please bring reading books and book bags to school every day.
- Children will be getting spellings every week. Please help your child to learn these as we will be having a test every Thursday.
- P.E. will be on a Tuesday this half term. Please make sure your child has a P.E. kit that includes either pumps with them each week. Please name their clothes.
- For their learning, it is important that the children learn basic number and writing skills. If you could start practising counting to 100 forwards and backwards alongside handwriting with them at home, this will really help your child to progress.
- Knowledge organisers will be sent home with the children for them to learn key vocabulary and facts linked to the science, maths and topic work.

Thank you for your support,

Mr Cullen, Mrs Asad and Mrs Zubair



### Geography

In Geography we will be looking at our local area. The children will work towards developing their understanding of what it is like where they live and what they can see around them. They will begin to study maps and develop an understanding of following directions. They will identify local landmarks and open spaces (see knowledge organiser).

### Design and Technology

In Design and Technology, the children will be learning about structures by constructing a windmill.

### RHE

The children will be exploring new beginnings. They will have the chance to discuss and share their experiences with other children in their class, alongside any stories they may have. We will be discussing rules, e-safety and friendships.

### Computing

They will be learning how to log in to Purple Mash and use various aspects of it.

### Physical Education

This half term the children will be learning skills to develop co-ordination and awareness of space. They will have the opportunity to work with a partner and in groups.