



Year 1 Autumn Term Newsletter



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back – we hope you had an enjoyable and restful break. We would like to welcome into Year 1 Mrs Newall who will be a great addition to the team. Miss O'Brien in 1JO will continue to be the year 1 team leader.

The teachers working in the team are:

Year 1 – Mrs Ahmad – 1ZA
Miss Campbell – 1CC

Miss O'Brien – 1JO
Mrs Newall - 1KN Miss Curtis – Phonics specialist

Please do not hesitate to ask your class teacher any questions or voice any concerns you may have.

Helping Your Child at Home

We value the support you can give your child at home. **It really makes a difference!** Here are a few reminders about some of the many ways you can support your child's learning.

Reading: We want to continue our big push on reading this year, both at home and school. Your child will bring home a reading book everyday. Please try to hear them read for short sessions every day and record this in their reading record. Reading record will be checked weekly and rewards will be given out. After reading it is really useful to ask a few questions about what happened in the story. It is important that your child can understand what they have read. A short support session for parents regarding reading will be held in the coming term.

The school has recently subscribed to an online reading resources that will be used within school and can also be used at home to support your children with their reading. Below is a copy of the web address and passwords. It is a very useful tool and will continue to help your child's development.

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Then go to my class log in at the top of the page.

Class name: cranford12

Password: cranford



Please feel free to ask your class teacher any questions you may have or if you would like a brief demonstration on how to use oxford owl.

Writing: This year at Cranford Park Academy another big focus is on improving children's writing and knowledge of punctuation. Please use every opportunity you can to develop your child's writing skills. For example, writing your shopping lists, sending a letter to a friend and recounting their weekend.

Spelling: towards the end of September the children will bring home a word bank of up to 70 words. These are the words that will come up in the weekly spelling test for the Autumn term. Each week the children will be reminded of the 4 sounds they have been learning throughout the week and will need to find the words in the bank containing these sounds. This will be around 8 words per week and these will be the 8 words the children will need to learn for their spelling test. This is a new idea that is happening across the school but worked very well last year.

Maths- maths homework will be sent home weekly and will focus on the topic the children have been learning in class.

If you have any concerns regarding the homework or do not understand a concept yourself, then please do not hesitate to ask a member of the year 1 team. We will be more than happy to help!

Reminders



Physical Education is an important part of the school curriculum and all children should take part. The children will take part in two P.E sessions that will be based on different days. These days will be displayed on your child's classroom door.

Your child must have a full change of clothes including a fresh white T-shirt, blue/black shorts or jogging bottoms and plimsolls/trainers - Mrs Venner sells new sweatshirts, cardigans, P.E. T-shirts and polo shirts. **Please make sure all P.E kit (and school uniform) is labelled with your child's name and class. Children without a kit cannot take part.**

Class Assemblies

A letter will be sent out as soon as possible to confirm the dates of each class's assembly.

The children will also take part in a Christmas production on Wednesday 14th December. Times to be confirmed. Any spring term assembly dates will feature in the Spring term newsletter.

Topics for the Autumn Term

The children will be learning about different topics this term (see below). If your child has any books, pictures or photographs linked to these topics, they may bring them in to show the class. Please label them clearly with the child's name and class. You can support their learning by the supervised use of the internet, and by visiting the local library.

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Science: Ourselves & senses, Sound & Hearing

History: Victorians

Geography: Our Local Area and the World.

Art: Art from around the world.

DT: Food from around the world.

R.E: **Festivals from all religions**

We are looking forward to a fantastic year, packed with valuable learning for your child!

With regards,

Reading mornings

As in reception, year 1 will be holding reading mornings from 8.30am. These will happen every 4 weeks and are a chance for you to come and read with your child. There will also be a selection of questions available to help you to support your child's reading. We look forward to seeing you.

1JO – Tuesday 27th September & Tuesday 1st November

1CC – Tuesday 4th October & Tuesday 8th November

1ZA – Tuesday 11th October & Tuesday 15th November

1KN – Thursday 20th October & Tuesday 22nd November

Homework

The children will be sent home with a plastic wallet to keep their spelling book, reading book, maths homework and reading homework in. These wallets **must** return to school every day and will need to be replaced by parents if lost.

Miss O'Brien
(Yr 1 Team Leader)

Mrs Ahmad

Miss Campbell

Mrs Newall