



Autumn term 2023

Welcome to Year 1!

We hope you have all had an amazing summer. We are looking forward to getting to know you all and are excited to see how much progress you make.

Remember, if you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to come and talk to us.
Miss Wagstaff, Miss Muneer and Miss Bullock.

Reading Diaries and Books

Your child will regularly read their book in class and we will look at their diaries daily. We have a 3 book approach with decodables: one book they are fluent with, one decodable to practise throughout the week and one library book to read for pleasure.

PLEASE make sure your child brings their book and diary to school every day as every spare moment we have in school we will try and read with your child. Please try and read with your child every day as becoming a reader is the most important part of your child's education.

Reading is the gateway to the curriculum.

We have reading breakfasts every term and hope to see you in school! You will also have the opportunity to be a secret reader at story time. Keep your eyes peeled for more information.

PE Kits

PE days:

Miss Wagstaff's class (JOHN KING) – Tuesday and Wednesday
Miss Muneer's class (JOHN KING) – Wednesday and Friday
Miss Bullock's class (LONGWOOD) – Monday and Wednesday

Your child's Team Pinxton PE kit should be worn to school on the above PE days. These are available to buy through parent pay.

On PE days, please make sure earrings are removed and hair is tied up.

Important Dates

Further details of any events will be sent out in separate letters to ensure you have all the relevant details.

21st September- Early reading and parents meeting

7th October – Half term break up

24th October – Infant Halloween disco 4-5pm

6th November – Back to school

14th / 15th November – Parents evening and book fair

17th November – Children in need

6th December – Christmas Fair

14th December – Longwood Nativity – 2pm

15th December – John King Nativity – 2pm

Homework

The children will have access to phonics videos on class dojo, modelling the week's sounds, so that the children can practise these at home. Alongside their daily reading practise, children will also have a daily counting activity to do.

White Rose Maths videos are also shared on a Friday for the following week's learning so your child can watch them daily before the lesson. They can also use these videos after the lesson to concrete their learning of a particular objective.

From September we will also be launching our weekly Early Language challenges.

22nd December – Inset day

Follow us on social media, where we showcase our wonderful school and learning experiences.



What makes us proud of where we live?

This term, our enquiry question is, 'What makes us proud of where we live?' This is a geography-based enquiry, we want the children to have an understanding on our community whilst expanding our children's geographical knowledge of the United Kingdom. Throughout the term we will be learning about the physical and human features of both Pinxton and Nottingham and will know how to locate them on a map. We will be learning about the countries and the capital cities that make up the United Kingdom and how to use a compass. To support us with our learning we will be exploring the local area and taking a trip to Nottingham!

Deepening Knowledge Tasks

Reading

Reading is the gateway to the curriculum, and it is important your children practice and apply the sounds they learn in school.

Comprehension texts will be sent home each week for your child to complete so that they can improve their reading skills and recall parts of stories.

Phonics

There will be weekly videos posted on dojo with the codes that we are learning in Phonics for each upcoming week.

Writing

This term, we will be writing a persuasive letter to persuade parents to come in and help us with our sewing- click the link to watch this video to learn all about persuasive texts. [How to write a persuasive text - BBC Teach](#)

We will also be creating a poster about our local area to demonstrate our knowledge- have a walk around Pinxton and see what features you can find! Use this link to support you in what to look for on your walk- [What are human and physical features in geography? - BBC Bitesize](#)

We are then having a go at creating our own poem about belonging. Click the link to find out about the different types of poems and how to present a poem- [Poems - KS1 English - BBC Bitesize](#)

We will be retelling the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. Share the story at home and create your own story map of the traditional tale. Here the story is to watch- [Fairy Tales - The 3 Little Pigs Story - YouTube](#)

Finally we will be creating a non-chronological report about the four countries in the UK! Click the link to find out what you need to include in a non-chronological report- [English KS1 / KS2: How to write a non-chronological report - BBC Teach](#)

Maths

We follow the White Rose scheme in Maths. Follow the link below and you can follow lesson by lesson what your child is learning in school.

[Maths resources for teachers | White Rose Maths \(whiteroseeducation.com\)](#)

This is a great resource to support your child and for you to see how we teach maths.

Science

In science, we will be naming and learning about different parts of the body and finding out about senses. We will also be looking at and naming a variety of wild flowers, be able to know the differences between deciduous and evergreen trees and will be finding out about and observing seasonal change.

Share this link with your child to learn more. <https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/what-types-of-plants-grow-in-the-wild-70w3jt>

RE

We follow the Derbyshire Syllabus. This term, we will be learning about the Christian faith.

Watch this video to learn about Christianity- [What is Christianity? - BBC Bitesize](#)

PSHE

We teach PSHE through the PSHE Association. This term we will be learning about rules that keep us safe and how we are similar and different to others.

Follow this link to help you understand why we have rules- [Why do we have rules? | KS1 Citizenship | Primary - BBC Bitesize](#)

Computing

We teach Computing through Purple Mash. This term we will be learning about how to use technology safely. Below are some useful websites to support you.

https://www.internetmatters.org/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMly7qxmzP8glVzeF3Ch23sABvEAAAYASAAEgKL1_D_BwE

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

PE

In PE, we will be improving our fitness as this is so important to keep us physically and mentally healthy. Try PE with Joe Wicks to improve your fitness over the summer holidays! - [Joe Wicks'](#)

[Daily PE Lesson - YouTube](#)