Hoddlesden St Paul's Church of England Primary School

As God's family, together we achieve

Year 1

Autumn 1 Newsletter

This half term, our British Value that will be celebrated throughout school is the **Tolerance.**

This half term, our Christian Value that will be celebrated throughout school is **Generosity.**

Welcome to Year 1!

Welcome back to school and to Year 1 after the summer break! I hope you all had a wonderful time with family and friends and that the children feel refreshed and ready for the exciting year ahead. My name is Miss Bateson and our class teaching assistants are Mrs Fenwick and Mrs Roebuck, and together we are really looking forward to getting to know your children and meeting you all in the coming weeks.

We are beginning the term with our Native Narratives topic. This half term, we will focus on Year 1 objectives and skills, broadening and deepening the children's knowledge of the continent of Africa. In **English**, our learning will centre around *Little Red Riding Hood and the Maasai Warriors*, a retelling of the traditional tale. We will explore the characters, practise writing simple sentences, and create our own versions of the story. In **Geography**, we will look closely at our local area, making maps and creating information books. In **Art and Design**, the children will design and make their own 3D sculptures using paper. In **Science**, we will learn about the basic parts of the human body and investigate our five senses. Alongside this, our seasonal focus will be Autumn. In **R.E**. we will be learning about the story of Creation and the festival of Harvest.

It is very important that your child comes to school each day with their reading pack and everything in it. This includes their yellow reading record, home reading book, phonics home learning (returned once completed), library book, and any further phonics support materials that we may provide. Children should be reading at home a minimum of three times per week. The children receive dojo points each time they read at home. If they read four times in a week they will earn a certificate, and if they read five times, they will receive a prize.

We are also very excited to share that Year 1 and Year 3 will be joining together for a **Class Worship** on Sunday 12th October in church and again on Monday 13th October in school. We would love to see as many of you there as possible to support the children.

I will continue to update the school website weekly to keep you informed of our learning journey. I will also share exciting work on Seesaw, and I would love to see some of the children's work from home too. Login information for Seesaw will be available soon and will be stuck into the back of your child's yellow reading record.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office. I am looking forward to a fantastic term together!

Kindest regards,

Miss Bateson



Reminders

Please can **ALL** children bring their **reading pack** and **book bag** to school each day. Please ensure that your child reads at least three times a week and that their reading record is signed by an adult. Children can bring a **bottle of water** into school each day. Please ensure your child's clothing is **clearly labelled** with their name to avoid lost uniform.

Sports Days

This half term, the Year 1 P.E. lessons are on **Monday** and **Wednesday**. Please ensure children come to school in their sports uniform on these days.

Key Dates

Thu 11th Sep - Life Education Visit
Mon 15th Sep – Meet the teacher 3:30-5:30
Mon 22nd Sep – Outdoor Adventurous Learning with Wild One Adventures
Fri 26th Sep – MacMillan Coffee Morning
Mon 29th Sep – Inclusive Dance Workshop
Thu 2nd Oct – Spirituality Afternoon
Fri 10th Oct – Hello Yellow World Mental Health Day
Sun 12th Oct – Year 1 and 3 Harvest Worship in Church (letter to follow)
Mon 13th Oct - Year 1 and 3 Harvest Worship in School (letter to follow)
Mon 13th Oct – Road Safety Talk
Mon 20th Oct – Parents Evening
W/C 20th Oct – Behaviour Treat
Wed 22nd Oct – Parents Evening
Thu 23rd Oct – School closes for half term

Texts to support your child's learning this half term

African Folktales and Fables – Xavier Yebakima
The Ultimate Book of African Animals – National Geographic
National Trust: Tiger Tiger Burning Bright – Fiona Waters
A River – Marc Martin

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