Hoddlesden St Paul's Church of England Primary School

As God's family, together we achieve

Year 1

Autumn 2 Newsletter

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

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

Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a restful half-term break. Mrs Fenwick and I are thrilled to welcome you back to school! This half-term is packed with exciting learning experiences. Our themes are Factual Footprints and Elf Enterprise.

In **English**, we are looking at the story Old Bear. We will be writing story sentences and message sentences over the half-term, focusing on new vocabulary, characters' feelings, and how to plan a sentence by saying it out loud before writing. We will practise using capital letters, full stops, and finger spaces, as well as new grammar features including and, plurals, and capital letters for names. In **Maths**, we'll continue our work on addition and subtraction before moving on to explore 2D and 3D shapes.

In **Science**, we'll learn about animals and their structures, discussing the five main animal groups and comparing their similarities and differences. We'll also visit a local farm to enrich our learning. In **History**, we'll explore changes within living memory, focusing on five famous explorers. For **Design and Technology,** we will be designing, making, and evaluating windmills before applying our new knowledge to our Elf Enterprise project.

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 will be visiting **Nightingale's Farm** on Wednesday 12th November. Children need to wear their normal school uniform for that day and bring a waterproof coat and wellies with them.

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 is 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.

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

Tue 4th Nov – Chocolate Bingo
Thu 6th Nov – Chocolate Bingo
W/C 10th Nov – Anti-bullying Week
Mon 10th Nov – Odd Socks Day
Tues 11th Nov – Remembrance service at the war memorial
Wed 12th Nov – Year 1 Farm Trip – children will need waterproofs and wellies.
Fri 14th Nov – Children in Need
Tue 18th Nov – Wheelchair Sports
Fri 28th Nov – Individual Photographs
Mon 1st Dec – Year 1 and 2 OAL
Mon 1st Dec – Rock Steady Concert
Sun 7th Dec – Christmas Fair
Tues 9th Dec - Panto Trip
Wed 10th Dec – KS1 Nativity (PM)
Thu 11th Dec – KS1 Nativity (AM)
W/C 15th Dec – Behaviour Treat
Mon 15th Dec – Christmas Parties
Thu 18th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Fri 19th Dec – Hoddlesden Heroes non-uniform and school closes at 3.15

Texts to support your child's learning this half term

Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers and other books from his collection
The Highway Rat by Julia Donaldson and other books from her collection
Little People, Big Dreams: Ernest Shackleton
Suni Goes to Space by Arthy Muthanna Singh and Mamta Nainy
The Amazing Travels of Ibn Battuta by Fatima Sharafeddine

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