

Welcome to Year 1

Our topic this term half term is 'The Enchanted Woodland' and during the end of the half term we will be visiting Cannock Chase to investigate and experience what it is like in a woodland habitat. Letters with further details regarding this school trip will be sent out in due course.

English: In our daily English lessons and through topic work the children will learn how to write sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, stories with a woodland setting, instructions, letters and recounts.

Spelling: The children will continue to learn spellings through the daily Read Write Inc. spelling programme and will bring home at least ten words to learn each week. Please continue helping your child to learn these spellings ready for the spelling test each Thursday.

Reading: This half term sees the beginning of a new whole school Reading Challenge. Your child will continue to bring home a reading book which is chosen to match their Reading Age and ability. Parents are encouraged to comment in and sign the reading diaries each time your child reads at home which, where possible, should be daily.

Handwriting: The children will continue to practise cursive handwriting each day.

Maths: This half term we will be focussing on place value, addition and subtraction and shape. Maths lessons where possible will also link to topic work.

Creative Curriculum: If you go down to the woods today you're sure of a BIG surprise! During this half term, we'll start by painting and drawing woodland animals and making Gruffalo models. We will be finding and using natural materials to build structures and create art work. We will be retelling stories and writing recounts of our woodland visit, letters to woodland creatures and instructions on how to make a woodland crown. We will be learning about the types of animals we can find in a woodland habitat and looking at the types of plants and trees growing there too. As part of our project we will be making wacky and wonderful tree boggart using clay and natural materials.

P.E. Please ensure that your child has a P.E. kit in school for our PE lessons each week. Year 1 will be having outdoor PE on Monday afternoons and will need a black or navy blue tracksuit, pumps, red football socks and a red t-shirt. Our year 1 indoor PE will take place on Wednesday afternoons and so the children will need a red t-shirt, black or navy shorts, pumps and their red football sock for this day. **Earrings should not be worn on these days.**

Homework Task: To take a photo of yourself (a selfie moment) reading your favourite book and write a sentence to say what the book is called and why you liked it. This will need to be brought into school by Friday 14th September.

Mrs Walsh

Year 1 Teacher

