

MONKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 1 Class 4 & 5 — AUTUMN 1 NEWSLETTER

Hello everyone and welcome to Year 1!

We hope you've all had a wonderful summer break and that you are safe and well. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new Year 1 children and their families back to school.

During the first couple of weeks, we will be ensuring that your child settles in to Year 1; getting to grips with the curriculum and the expectations that come with moving into Key Stage 1.

Year 1 is a very exciting year! The children work extremely hard in preparation for their Phonics Screening Check in June and we have many wonderful things to look forward to, such as our class trip in the summer term.

If you have any questions about any aspect of school life, please feel free to contact the school office and we'll get back to you as soon as possible.

Best Wishes,

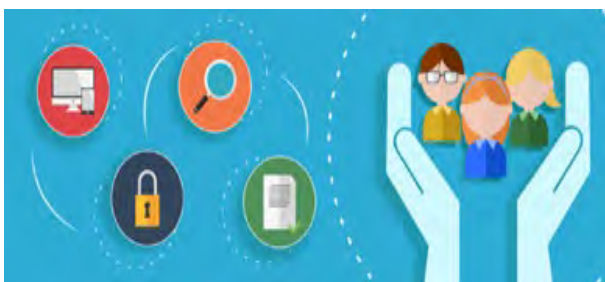
Mrs Croft, Mr H and the Year 1 Team

SAFEGUARDING LEADS AT MONKWOOD PRIMARY ARE:

Mrs Lee - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Ms Travis – Trust Safeguarding Lead

Ms Tyrrell – Trust Safeguarding Lead



CLASS NEWS

In Year 1 children move to following the National Curriculum, we have an exciting curriculum planned which enables children to develop a love of learning and become readers, writers, mathematicians, geographers, historians, scientists and artists, to name just a few!

Phonics

Children will continue their phonics journey following the Read Write Inc. phonics scheme. This is a systematic approach with daily phonics lesson which helps pupil become confident and fluent readers. Reading books are matched to your child's phonics group.

English

We will use a range of high-quality texts to inspire and motivate the children on their reading and writing journey. One of our focus authors In Year 1 in Julia Donaldson! Some of the books we will share during the Autumn term include The Gruffalo; Owl Babies; Leaf Man and The Gingerbread Man. In writing we will focus on forming each letter correctly and carefully and placing the letters correctly on our handwriting lines. We will develop writing simple sentences with finger spaces, capital letters and full stops.

Mathematics

Our maths topics will include exploring sorting objects into groups; recognising, naming and sorting 2D shapes; reading and writing numbers 1-10 in numerals and words; exploring simple addition and subtraction to 10; number bonds to 10 and reading and writing number sentences.

PSHE: Using the Jigsaw scheme we will explore the unit 'Being Me in the World'.

Art: We will be learning about the impressionist artist Claude Monet exploring creating a landscape painting in the style of Monet. We will use primary colours to mix secondary colours and explore adding white paint to create tints and black paints to create tones.

History: We will be learning about the Victorian Era and what it was like to go to school in the Victorian times. We will look at how our school has changed over time. We will also learn about and celebrate Remembrance Day

Geography: We will be finding out about the features of the seaside town of Scarborough and comparing it to Rawmarsh.

Science: We will be learning about forces, materials, electricity and seasonal change.

COMPUTING: We will explore how technology helps us at home and in school, find out about what a website is and how to keep safe on the internet. We will find out about who the inventor John Logie Baird was and when important piece of technology he invented.

PE: We will develop our football and ball skills



HOME LEARNING

Regular reading at home is really important and will help your child become a confident and fluent reader. Children need to read home at least three times a week, but every day is better! Please write down in their reading diary every time they read at home, so we can award a dojo for each time they read at home.

Year 1 Key Dates

*Monday - Reading Diaries Day

Reading diaries are handed in as children come into school so we can award dojos for super home reading.

*Tuesday - PE Day

Children need to come to school wearing their school PE kit.
PE kit – plain black bottoms (shorts/trousers with no labels or patterns), plain white t-shirt (no labels or patterns) and trainers.

Everyday -

*Reading book and book bag

Children need to bring both to school every day.

*Water bottle

Children need to bring a water bottle with their name on to school every day. Please do not send 'Stanley' type bottles as these are not sealed and cause lots of problems with spillages.

Remember to keep an eye on the school website, Class Dojo and follow us on social media to keep up-to-date with the latest events and information.

Attending school every day and on time gives our children the best opportunities to develop their potential to the full.

Other Key Dates

September	Careers in English Month
03.09.2024	First day back
16-20.09.2024	School Council Elections
27.09.2024	Coffee Morning
October	Careers in History Month
02.10.2024	Crucial Crew
10.10.2024	World Mental Health Day
14-20.10.2024	School Council Meetings
23.10.2024	Parent Consultations (3pm-6pm)
25.10.2024	Finish for October half term
November	Careers in Art Month
4.11.2024	Back to school

This half term we will be focusing on social behaviour in our assemblies and around school.

This half terms well-being tip is:

Everything in moderation!

Marvellous Moments!

Whether your child loves to bake, has achieved an award in swimming or learnt to tie their shoe laces—we want to know so that we can share in their 'Marvellous Moments'.

Please send any pictures or comments through Class Dojo and we look forward to celebrating these special moments with the children.