

MONKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 1 Class 5 — AUTUMN 2 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back everyone!

We hope you have all had a wonderful half term break. We have a very busy and exciting half term leading up to Christmas. We have the Monkwood Christmas Fayre; Christmas Concerts and our Year 1 Christmas party to look forward to in December.

We will also start sending home the Year 1 'Read Before You Leave' borrow books. Children will have the opportunity to choose one of the books and take it home to share with their family. Each week on a Friday child will be given the chance to swap their book for a different one. Each child will be given a bookmark to record on which books they have read. When all the books have been ticked off, children will receive a special certificate for completing the reading challenge. Please keep the bookmarks safe at home.

As mentioned on Dojo there has been a change to our PE day this half term, PE will now be on a Thursday. We are really looking forward to working with our new Sports Coach, Liam, who starts this half term.

If you have any questions about any aspect of school life, please feel free to pop and see us at the end of the school day or contact the school office and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Kindest regards,

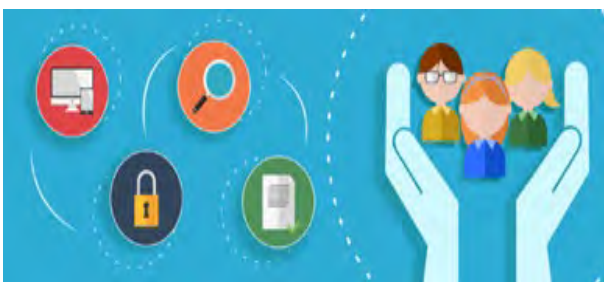
Mrs. Croft and Mrs. Carpenter

SAFEGUARDING LEADS AT MONKWOOD PRIMARY ARE:

Mrs Lee - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Ms Travis – Trust Safeguarding Lead

Ms Tyrrell – Trust Safeguarding Lead



CLASS NEWS

Phonics

Children will continue their phonics journey following the Read Write Inc. phonics scheme. This is a systematic approach with two daily phonics lessons, which help pupils to become confident and fluent readers. Reading books are matched to your child's phonics level.

English

We will continue to use a range of high-quality texts to inspire and motivate the children on their reading and writing journey. Some of the books we will be reading this half term are 'The Bog Baby' by Jeanne Willis and Gwen Milward and 'The Jolly Postman' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg.

In writing we will continue to focus on forming each letter correctly and carefully and placing the letters correctly on the handwriting lines. We will develop writing simple sentences with finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. We will also explore writing letters linked to the reading of our text, The Jolly Postman.

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 'Celebrating Differences'.

Art

We will be learning about the post-impressionist artist George Seurat and all about the art technique of pointillism.

History

We will continue learning about the Victorian Era and what it was like to go to school in the Victorian times. We will also learn about and celebrate Remembrance Day.

Geography

We will continue our topic on the local area finding out about Rawmarsh and Wentworth.

Science

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

Computing

We will explore giving and following simple instructions and begin to use software to create movement and patterns on a screen.

PE We will be starting our PE sessions with our new PE Coach, Liam.



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.

*Thursday - 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.

*Friday - Borrow Books

Please return borrow books so you child can swap for a different one.

Everyday -

*Reading book and book bag

Children need to bring both to school every day.

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

November	Careers in Art Month
04.11.2024	Back to school
11.11.2024	Anti- Bullying Week
12.11.2024	Inset Day
	WPT is 10 Event
13.11.2024	Odd Socks Day
15.11.2024	Children in Need
December	
04.12.2024	Christmas Fayre
11.12.2024	Christmas Jumper Day
	Christmas Dinner Day
	KS1 Nativity at 9.30am (Tickets £1)
12.12.2024	KS1 Nativity at 2pm (Tickets £1)
13.12.2024	KS1 Nativity at 9.30am (Tickets £1)
17.12.2024	Year 1 Christmas Party (Class 4 & 5)
20.12.2024	Last day of the term (early finish)

This half term we will continue to focus on social behaviour in our assemblies and around school.

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.

To celebrate achievements outside of school we have a 'Marvellous Moments' wall in class. Please send in any certificates, such as swimming, sports, dancing etc. so we can take a copy and add to the wall (we will return the original back to you).