

**The Teachers in Year 1 are:** Miss Benson and Mrs Pycroft  
**The Teaching Assistants are:** Mrs Stimpson and Miss Lall

## Our Topic this Half Term is 'Childhood'

In the Childhood project, your child will learn words and phrases related to the passage of time. They will explore artefacts to help them to understand childhood in the past and how childhood has changed over time. They will explore the 6 stages of life, timelines and family trees. They will look at life in the 1950s and learn about Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation. The children will use maps to explore how places have changed over time and highlight any similarities or differences between childhood today and childhood in the 1950s.

We are also going to be looking at one of our mini projects: Everyday Materials. In this we will explore different types of materials and their uses in everyday life.

### English

This half term we will be learning how to write a setting description to describe lots of different scenes from fairy tales, including The Three Little Pigs and Hansel and Gretel. We will be practising using describing words, capital letters, full stops and finger spaces to write clear sentences. We are even going to create our own houses to write about!

### How you could help your child prepare for the topic...

Talk to older members of your family to find out how their childhoods were similar or different. Ask them about a range of topics, such as toys, food, home and school.

Write a list of people in your family. How many people are there? Can you remember all their names? How are they related to you?

### Maths

Our learning for this half term will be:

- Number and Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Shape, including 2D and 3D shapes

### General Reminders:

**Home Learning:** Every Friday, children will receive their home learning via their email account on Purple Mash. This will consist of one maths task, one writing task and spellings. Please support your child in accessing the email and completing the tasks by the following Thursday.

**Reading:** Please listen to your child read at home at least 3 times a week. This additional practice places a crucial role in increasing children's fluency and confidence. Please bring your book on a Wednesday to be changed and on a Friday, for our reading time.

**PE: Both classes will have PE on a Tuesday and a Wednesday.**

Please ensure your child wears their school PE kit on these days. This should consist of: Plain white t-shirt, navy/black zip top or jumper, navy/black shorts/leggings/joggers and trainers or black pumps. Please ensure earrings are removed before arriving at school on PE days.

### Water Bottles:

Please make sure your child brings their bottle to school every day. They should contain water.

### Healthy Snack:

Fruit snack is provided for all Year 1 children every day. Children are welcome to bring their own fruit snack to school.

### Useful Websites:

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/reigate-de22>

<https://play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login/40309>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/pa>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

### Autumn Dates for your Diary:

2/10/23 – Harvest Festival

17/10/23 & 18/10/23 – Parents Evening

27/10/23 – Last day before half term

6/11/23 – Back to school

### Any other Information

We look forward to working with you this year. Please remember that if you have any concerns or worries about your child, contact a member of the team and we will happily arrange a time to meet with you to discuss and help.