

**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'.

As part of our topic, we are exploring lots of different mini projects:

- Our Wonderful World (Geography) – we will be learning about human and physical features, as well as the countries, continents, and oceans on Earth.
- Mix It (Art) – we will be exploring primary colours, mixing them to exploring secondary colours and different hues.
- Funny Face and Fabulous Features (Art) – we will be looking at different types of portraits and collages, to create our own wonderful art!
- Human Senses (Science) – we will be learning about body parts and the five sense.

#### English

This half term we will be learning how to write a letter. We will be reading a lovely story about Miss Nancy and writing a letter to her to help her remember about life in the 1950s. We will also be writing about ourselves this half term, after reading Super Duper You!

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

When you are out for walks, can you spot any human features (e.g., shops, bridges, houses) and physical features (e.g., forests, rivers, hills)?

At home, talk about the senses you're using. What senses help us cook dinner? What senses help us get ready for bed?

#### Maths

Our learning for this half term will be:

- Number and Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Money
- Measure

#### 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:

16.11.23 – Children in Need at Reigate.  
16.11.23 – Phonics meetings for parents.  
17.11.23 – INSET Day.  
12.12.23 – Christmas market.  
19.12.23 and 20.12.23 – Nativity.  
21.12.23 – Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner.  
22.12.23 – Finish for Christmas holidays  
8.1.24 – Back to school

#### Any other Information

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.