

Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn 1



Welcome back to school!
We are so excited about starting our learning together in Year 1.
Here are the staff that will be here to work with your children and yourselves:



<http://www.portsdownprimary.co.uk/>

Hedgehogs



Miss Symonds



Mrs Evans



Mrs North

Owls



Mrs Bill



Miss Riches



Mrs Sellers

Book Bags— Please bring in your book bag every day.

PE— PE for Year 1 is on **Wednesday**.

Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school.

During the cold weather they may prefer long trousers rather than shorts.

All children must have appropriate footwear and long hair needs to be tied back.

Library— Year 1 will visit the school library on **Wednesdays**. They will bring home a book to share with you and return the following week.

Diary Dates

INSET Days for the year:
Friday 17th October 2023
Tuesday 2nd January 2024
Thursday 28th March 2024
Friday 28th June 2024

Newsletter challenge:

Together with your child, answer the questions on this newsletter and tick the boxes when you have!



Home reading

Your child will come home with a Reading Record Card. They will change their book every week. Please take time to listen to your child read and tick the box on the Reading Record Card. Children need to read 4 times a week at home as part of our reading challenge and to earn themselves prizes!

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Maths

We will be learning about numbers and their value. We will be counting forwards and backwards and finding 1 more and 1 less than a number. We will be finding pairs of numbers that add to make 5 for example $2+3=5$ and we will solve simple problems.

What numbers can you find around your home?
Can you say one more or one less than that number?
When you go on a walk with your family, what numbers can you spot around you?

Science

As scientists this half term, we will be learning about how animals survive in their different habitats.

Which animals can you spot in the environment around you?

In RE we are going to be learning about the Creation Story for Christians. Our Key Question is:

Does God want Christians to look after the world?

What is it you do to help look after your home?

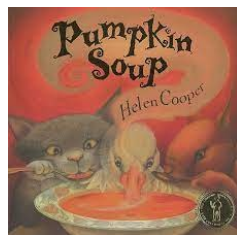
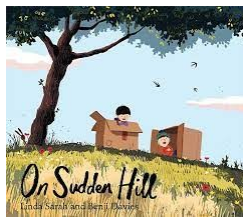
Geography

As geographers we will be learning about our local park and introducing the children to what a map is.

With your grown up, can you find where you live on Google Maps?

English

This half term in English we will be reading the stories 'On Sudden Hill' and 'Pumpkin Soup'. These stories will help us to explore the theme of friendship.



We will be using our phonics skills to help us write words and sentences, listening carefully to the sounds we can hear and writing them down in order.

When you have read a story at home, can your child retell the story to you?

Music

As musicians we will learn to identify the difference between the pulse and rhythm of a song.

At home, can you clap in time to your favourite song?

In PSHE this half term we will be talking about how to make our classroom a fun and safe place to be. We will be thinking about our rights and responsibilities as learners.

What is your favourite lesson at school?

In phonics this half term the children will spend time recapping sounds they have been taught previously and beginning to learn some of the new alternative pronunciations. They will continue to read 3x times a week in school with this book coming home for them to read to you.