

Year One and Two Autumn Newsletter 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope you all had a lovely summer break and that you are all refreshed and ready for the onset of Autumn!

Much of the work for the coming term will be based around our theme of On The Move (please see the attached Mind Map).

In Literacy we will be looking at stories with familiar settings and well loved stories, rhyming, descriptive writing, story writing and recounts. The Literacy work will be based around texts including, 'Rocketmole', 'You Can't Take an Elephant on the Bus', 'Blown Away', 'The Way Back Home', 'The Night The Star Went Out' and 'Polar Express'.

In Year 2 children will be focusing on nouns, verbs and adjectives and using punctuation correctly for the four sentence types throughout all of their writing.

In keeping with Supersonic Phonic Friends your child will continue to bring a book home on a Friday that they have been reading during the week in Phonics lessons. This will help them to continue to develop their skills of reading with fluency and automaticity. Your child may also choose a reading for pleasure book to share with you at home, which they can choose from our genre sections in the classroom. Once again we would like to thank you for your continued support in listening to your children read regularly. This is invaluable and your children's progress is supported by your efforts. Get Set Read will continue to take place on a Wednesday afternoon and your child is welcome to bring in a book of their choice or a Kindle to read during this session. If your child does bring in a Kindle they will need to hand it to their class teacher on arrival at school in the morning. Please be advised that your child will bring home their first reading books home on Friday, 12th September. A sheet detailing the comprehension strategies your child needs to develop and question examples you can ask after reading will be sent home with your child's first reading book.

Spelling tests will take place on a Tuesday in both year groups. When practising spellings with your child at home please use the say, look, cover, write, check strategy. We use this strategy in school and we find that the children retain their spellings for a longer period of time. In Year 2 your child will also be asked to write a sentence for each spelling and to put it into context, as this also helps them to retain their spelling words and ensure they understand their meaning.

In Numeracy, Year 1 will be looking at number and place value, addition and subtraction, shape and time. In Year 2 the children will be focusing on place value, addition and subtraction and shape. Both classes will continue to do Weekly Arithmetic tests to help the children further develop their skills of calculating at speed and daily Number Sense sessions to aid fluency and recall.

Children need to wear their P.E. Kits to school on their set P.E. days. These will be Mondays and Tuesdays in both classes. Please ensure they have appropriate clothing as the weather becomes colder. We would also like the children to bring in a spare pair of old trainers or wellington boots to be kept in school for when we do our Lilleshall Explorer Walks.

If you have any queries, questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us on our class emails or by phoning the school.

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Yours sincerely,

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