

# YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER-AUTUMN 2

*Journeying together with God*



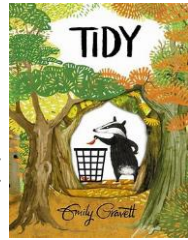
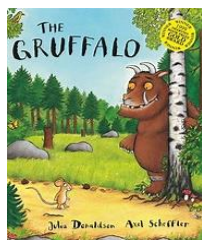
Welcome back. We hope you've all had a restful holiday, and we look forward to the busy half term ahead! If you have any questions or would like any support with anything, please do speak to any of us on the door after school or message us on Seesaw. Miss Bainbridge, Mrs Newlands and Mrs Connolly.



## THEME AND BIG QUESTION

### Into the Woods

What will the Gruffalo find in the woods?



## OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE THIS HALF TERM IS...



TERM IS...  
**PERSEVERANCE**



## NOTICES



Please remember to bring your child's book bag to school **everyday** and check inside for new books and notices. Please ensure that PE kits are brought in for PE days (Mondays and Wednesdays), and that they are labelled with your child's name. Remember to label all items of uniform too! **Please can all children bring their water bottles with them everyday and filled with water only.**

## KEY DATES

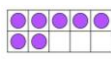
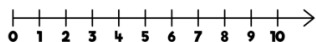


- **Healthy Inside & Out day** – Monday 3rd November
- **Stay and Autumn Craft** – Thursday 6th November 2.30pm- 3.00pm
- **Y1 trip to Nell Bank** – Wednesday 12th November
- **School disco** – Thursday 13th November
- **Christmas fair** – Wednesday 3rd December 3.30pm - 5pm
- **KS1 Nativity performances** – Wednesday 10th December at 9.30am and 2.15pm
- **Carol service at St Peter's** – Thursday 18th December at 9.30am
- **Christmas jumper day and last day of term** – Friday 19th December

## MATHS



- Our main focus this half term will be **addition and subtraction**.
- The children will deepen their knowledge of parts and wholes, number bonds to 10, and number bonds within 10.
- They will practise reading and writing number sentences and continue to count forwards and backwards, sorting, matching and comparing objects and numbers,
- We will continue to use concrete materials such as Numicon, ten frames, counters and cubes to support with mathematical thinking, reasoning and problem solving.



## ENGLISH



- We will continue to practise learning our phonics and recap Phase 4 words and tricky words and begin to learn our Phase 5 sounds and tricky words.
- The children will continue to read 3 times per week in small reading groups.
- We will be reading *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson and *Tidy* by Emily Gravett. We will use these books to help sequence stories and develop sentence structures.
- We will continue to write simple sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, also focusing on letter formation and handwriting.
- The children will go on an Autumn sensory walk to support them with writing and performing their own Autumn sensory list poem.



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## SCIENCE



The children will name and describe the physical features of a range of animals. They will sort animals into groups based on their similarities and differences. The children will identify characteristics specific to mammals, birds, reptiles, fish and birds. They will recall the diets of carnivores, omnivores and carnivores.

ONE LIFE



## PSHE WE ARE SAFE!

The children will learn about mental fitness and the strength of their response system. They will learn about their feelings and how to stay safe in different situations.

## PE



### PE days – Mondays and Wednesdays

This half term, Mondays will focus on the *Team Games* unit, which includes football skills and will take place outdoors. On Wednesdays, we will work on ball skills using our feet.

Please ensure your child brings a labelled PE kit, including a red or black jumper and black joggers for outdoor sessions.



## COMPUTING

### Using 2Simple

- The children will continue to use computer to login safely.
- The children will use 2Connect to make a simple Mind Map and 2Count to make a pictogram.



## COMMUNICATION

- Please ensure you check Seesaw regularly.
- Also, don't forget to visit our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [class webpage](#) to see all our learning in Y1 and school.



## RE



### Incarnation – Why does Christmas Matters?

- The children will describe what happens in the Christmas story and explain why Jesus is important to Christians.
- They will explain that the stories about Jesus' life come from the Gospels.
- They will explain that 'Advent' is the arrival of something or someone and understand that Christians wait and prepare for celebrating the birth of Jesus during Advent.

## ART



### Drawing



- The children will be learning about different ways to draw lines including straight, wavy, zig zag etc.
- We will be learning about artists such as Bridget Riley and Paul Klee and will be trialling some of their drawing techniques like using shapes in artwork.
- We will be drawing self portraits using different shapes and lines for our final project.

## HISTORY



### How am I making history?

- The children will learn about chronology and closely observe photographs and place them on a time line.
- They will also learn about what it was like to be a child in the past and compare that with what it is like in the present.

## HOME LEARNING



- Please read as much as possible with your child. Try and aim to read with your child daily for at least 10 minutes and make a short note in their reading diary.
- It is also important that you read to your child as much as possible too!
- **Home learning will be given out every Thursday and should be returned by the following Wednesday.**



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