



# **BISHOPSWOOD INFANT SCHOOL**

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## **Year 1 Newsletter – Autumn 2**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely half term and you are rested and relaxed ready for the busy, exciting and not-to-mention glittery run up to Christmas! We have already started our term in a fantastic way with our 'Outdoor Autumn Day'. We had a great day and the children loved eating biscuits round the campfire after learning and exploring outside all day.

### **Learning Challenge**

This term our Learning Challenge is “**How do the seasons change?**” and is based all around the seasons. You will be able to see the range of work we are covering on our attached topic curriculum letter. If you have any questions or suggestions please see one of us at the door.

### **Christmas**

We are beginning to think about Christmas and will be planning lots of fun, festive activities for the children this year! Please check the main school newsletter for key dates regarding Christmas activities. This year Year 1 and 2 will be performing a KS1 Christmas concert. More information regarding this will follow closer to the time but please see below for the dates.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – 9.15am**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December- 2.45pm**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am**

### **Reading**

Even though this time of year can get particularly busy, please keep hearing your child read at home at least 3 times a week. We are really pleased with how many children have been reading 3 x or more at home so thank you for your continued support with this. This really makes a massive difference in how well they progress and their ability to recognise words on sight is key in becoming a fluent reader. Please write in their monkey books when they have read to help our classes win the reading race.

### **Spelling**

Please look out for a separate letter about spellings in your child's book bag next week.

### **Homework Grid**

Please find attached the homework grid for this half term. Any homework the children complete this term is optional and can be brought in on **Mondays** and they will be given an opportunity to share it with the class during that week. We will also display the homework in class. The homework for this half term can be done with a parent or other adult supporting them. We have also attached a weather watching chart and a game of snakes and ladders. The snakes and ladders game has all the words a Year 1 child should be able to read and spell at the end of the year.

### **PE**

PE will take place weekly on a **Tuesday** afternoon. Please make sure their footwear is appropriate for indoor and outdoor PE, and if it is a chilly day they will need a school jumper to wear as well. As always, we ask that long hair is tied back on these days and any earrings are either taken out or covered over with medical tape.

### **Reminders**

- Please ensure your children's jumpers and cardigans are clearly named so they do not get lost.
- Water bottles need to be in school and taken home each day to be cleaned and re-filled.
- Please ensure children have a coat in school everyday now that it is getting colder.

We hope that you and your children enjoy the term ahead of us. If you have any questions or concerns please come and speak to your class teacher at the beginning of the school day. If you wish to have a longer chat with us we can arrange a convenient time to talk in more detail.

Many thanks,

Year 1 Team.