**Year 1 Class Newsletter- Autumn Term 2**

**Literacy**

**Writing-** In our literacy lessons, we will be completing written work surrounding our topic on ‘Autumn’. We will be studying a key text, which you may wish to explore further at home- Owl Babies by Martin Waddell.

**Reading-** Please can I ask that daily reading at home is maintained, as part of ongoing homework. ***Reading each evening is crucial to your child’s reading development!*** The children are encouraged to place any finished reading books into the classroom’s- *‘Swap Box’*, so that they can be changed for taking home, each evening. Books will be only be swapped in school, once they’ve been read and listened to by an adult; therefore it is important that reading records are signed. **Please ensure reading book bags are sent into school every day.**

**Phonics-** The children will continue to complete daily phonic sessions.

**Homework-** Please can I ask that homework is completed and brought in every Monday. Please can I ask that high frequency words are practised at home as children will be tested on these every Friday. Each week I will send out the key words to practice. These should be practiced little but often to support child in their reading and writing.

**Term Dates**

30th October-20th December

**Numeracy**

**In our numeracy lessons, the children will be covering work surrounding:**

* Counting in 2s.
* Division through sharing.
* Multiplication in different ways.
* Reading and writing numbers in words and numerals up to 100
* 2D and 3D Shape (naming, recognising and describing)

**Problem-solving will be incorporated and developed throughout all coverage areas**



**Special dates for your diary this half-term (it’s a busy one)…**

* **Tuesday 14th November-** **Parent/Carers Evening-** *letters to follow outlining times*.
* **Monday 20th November-** **Whole-School** **Assessment Week-** please can I encourage maximum attendance for this important week!
* **Friday 24th November- Bags to School Collection**
* **Tuesday 5th December-Key Stage 1 Christmas Family Learning Workshop-** *letters to follow.*
* **Monday 11th December-** **Christmas Disco**

**\*Other events will be taking place in the build-up to the festive period- please remember to check school bags daily for further letters!**

**What else are Y1 learning about this term?**

**Geography-**This half-term, we are going to be studying: *Seasons; focusing on how the weather changes, looking at different changes and even creating our own weather charts.*

**RE/PSHE-** The children will be looking at Christians. We will also be looking at the Story of Christmas.

**Music-** The children will participate in a weekly session of hymn practice to develop their singing skills. We will also be including music opportunities in class, when possible.

**Art/D&T-** The children will look closely at art surrounding our theme of light and dark. Additionally, as part of the festive period, we will also be completing a variety of crafts based on Christmas.

**PE-** This half-term, the children will be developing our ball skills and improving our co-ordination. We will be focusing on developing our skills in ‘ball games’. **Please ensure PE bags are in school with full kit- clearly named.**

**Computing-** In computing, the children will be exploring features of an Ipad.

**Science-** The children will be completing a scientific unit surrounding work on ‘Light and dark’.