

Year 1/2 Autumn

Newsletter 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new Autumn term. We hope that you and your family enjoyed the summer holiday. It has been lovely to welcome the children back with smiling faces ready to learn. The children are settling in really well; we have been spending time getting to know each other and exploring our classroom.

What will we be learning about this term?

Our History project this term is called Childhood. In the Childhood project, your child will learn words and phrases related to the passage of time. They will explore artefacts to help them to understand childhood in the past and how childhood has changed over time. Everyday life in the 1950s will be explored, including shopping, transport, family life and childhood.

We have two Science projects this term. In the Everyday Materials project, your child will learn that materials are what objects are made from. They will observe and identify objects made from different materials and explore a range of natural materials, learning that natural materials come from the world around us, including the ground, plants and animals. They will identify the properties of a range of materials, learning that materials can be described by their properties and that a property is a quality material that makes it suitable for a particular use.

In the Human Senses project, your child will learn that humans are animals called mammals that breathe, eat, sleep, get rid of waste, grow, move and use their senses to survive. They will identify, label and count a range of body parts. Your child will learn that each human body part has a function that helps us survive, focusing on the parts associated with the five senses: sight, smell, hearing, touch and taste. They will conduct simple tests to investigate how their five senses help them make sense of and understand their surroundings.

Within these subjects we use knowledge organisers to support our learning. You have them on display and in a folder for the children to read. We also build up our own knowledge organisers in our books with the key pieces of information for each topic. You can find all our knowledge organisers for the year under the knowledge organisers tab on our class page. Perhaps you could ask your child to tell you about some of the key words and what they mean?

Homework

Please listen to your child read regularly at home and share other books together. We are keen to promote a real passion for reading in our class.

Things to remember:

PE is every Tuesday at the moment – please send your child to school in their school PE kit and trainers on this day.

Forest School is every Thursday – please send your child to school in clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. Wellies or old trainers can be brought in and left on your child's coat peg to be changed into each Wednesday afternoon.

We also ask that every child has a bag in school everyday to take home their book and spellings and any other letters and their water bottle to have in class so they can have regular drinks.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch: catht@st-georgescofe.derbyshire.sch.uk

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With best wishes

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