



# Uffculme Primary School

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## AUTUMN 2023 CLASS NEWSLETTER

September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers of Children in Year 1,

Welcome back! We hope you all had an excellent Summer Holiday with your family and friends. We have written this newsletter to give you further information on the expectations and routines in Year 1 this term.

In Year 1 this year, Mr Kuliszewski will be teaching, with Mrs Murphy, Mrs Ridgeway and Mrs Pearson supporting, to provide your child with a safe, nurturing learning environment. We pride ourselves on having an **open-door policy**, so if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me either in person or by email. Similarly, if I am ever not available, please feel free to discuss any concerns with our teaching assistants.

We know we have only been back in school for one week, but I am so impressed with how well your children have settled into their new class. They have shown a great attitude towards their learning and have been keen to impress; we are all looking forward to the year ahead. We have included a list of topics and a brief explanation for what we will be covering during each one in the table below.

This term in Year 1, we are learning:

Subject Area	Content	What we hope to find out and learn
English		In English we will be reading a variety of texts to ensure the children become familiar with a wide range of genres and understand the difference between fiction and non-fiction. We will be practising our letter formations, finger spaces, capital letters and full stops.
Maths	Place Value- Within 10 Addition and Subtraction- Within 10 Shape	In Maths we will focus on deepening the children's understanding of place value within 10. We will support the children in becoming familiar with a wide range of maths resources and in beginning to solve more simple addition and subtraction problems. The children will also begin to learn about some 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.
Science	Seasonal changes Everyday materials	In this Science unit, we will learn about the seasonal change from summer to winter and then looking at the different seasons. We will then move onto everyday materials where we will look at natural and unnatural materials and how we use them.
Geography & History	Changes within Living Memory Kings and Queens	In our Topic lessons, we will begin to have an understanding of the world by comparing aspects of our daily lives with how life was previously in history. We will find out about old fashioned toys and houses and discuss our views on them.

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		In the second half term, we will learn about Kings and Queens of our history. We will research the food they served at banquets and compare this to our own everyday food.
Computing	Programming Toys	In Computing, we will be looking at how to draw on a computer and what that looks like. This also links into the art.
Art & DT	Portraits Moving Christmas Cards	In Art, we will begin to look at famous portraits and understand which colours are used and why. In DT, we will design and make our own moving Christmas cards. We will evaluate these by discussing our successes and things that we struggled with.
Music	Singing A variety of music styles	In Music, the children will practise using vocabulary such as beat, rhythm, pitch and many more. They will be encouraged to move to the music they hear and begin to share their opinions of different songs.
PHSE	Road safety, Washing hands and Friendship	In PSHE, we will be looking at how we get to school and how we can be safe when using a road. We will also look at how to wash their hands properly and why it is important. Then, we will look at friendship and how they can be challenging and ways to be better friends to one another.
RE	Christians and Me Christmas	In RE, we will be discussing Christianity and how that links with me. What are their values and why are they important. We will then move onto Christmas as we move towards the Christmas break.
PE	Invasion Games	In PE, we will learn about lots of different invasion games and practise our gross motor skills. We will try to work as a team and develop good sportsmanship.

### HOMEWORK IN YEAR 1 (to start Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September)

Homework will be set on a Monday and will be collected the following Monday. The homework will be put in their homework folder.

#### Reading

**All children** at Uffculme Primary School are expected to read at least **3 times a week** at home. Please ensure your child does this and please sign their Reading Record Book to show that they have been heard.

#### Phonics

A phonics activity will be sent home weekly for your child to complete with an adult at home. The activities will match our learning in Phonics for the week. This activity will be in their homework folder.

#### Maths

Maths homework will be set weekly on Doodle Maths. Your child's log in details for Doodle Maths will be in the front of their homework folder.

#### Water bottles and snack

Please can you send a **water bottle into school every day** for your child. It is important that they have access to water throughout the day and a bottle in the classroom ensures that water is readily available (no squash or juice please). Please label the bottle with your child's name.

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Your child will be provided with a piece of fruit or vegetable every day for snack but if your child would like an extra snack at break time, they can bring in a piece of fruit or veg from home.

PE

PE lessons will be taken by Mr Carpanini and will be on a Monday and Thursday. Children will need to have their PE kit in school on these days. A reminder that your child needs: black shorts, red polo-shirt and daps. When the weather is colder, they may need black tracksuit bottoms. Please ensure that all PE kit is clearly labelled and carried in a named bag. For health and safety reasons, jewellery must be removed for P.E; this includes earrings.

Thank you in advance for your help and support over the term ahead. It really promises to be a wonderful year where your child will grow in confidence and independence.

With very best wishes,



**Mr Jacob Kuliszewski**  
Year 1 Teacher

Dates for your diary:

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>		Children to start (apart from Reception children)
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> - Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>		Home visits to new children
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>		Part time attendance for EYFS children to start
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>		First full day for Reception children
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>		Open Classrooms
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>		Non-Pupil Inset Day
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Harvest Festival (Church) - Food donations to CHAT
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	3:40pm	Parent Consultation Evenings (incl. SENDCO meetings)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	3:40pm	Parent Consultation Evenings
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Non-Pupil Day Trust-Wide Day

