Curriculum Newsletter

CHERRY

www.brockswood.herts.sch.uk

Welcome to the Autumn Term!

Welcome to Year 1! We are looking forward to supporting your children as they begin their journey in Key Stage 1. This year, children will be supported and encouraged to become more independent and responsible learners, while developing the learning habits and behaviours needed to thrive in a more formal learning environment. Our first topic of the year is 'Fire, Fire!', where learning (subjects such as Geography, History, Science, Religious Education, Design & Technology, Art and Dance) will be linked (as far as possible) to the Great Fire of London.

Core Subjects:

Mathematics: Numbers including place value, simple number sequences and patterns. Mental fluency and gathering strategies to assist them in a variety of calculations and problem-solving experiences. Applying number knowledge to addition and subtraction.

English: Retelling a story by writing simple sentences with a focus on structure and punctuation, as well as using a variety of adjectives to make our writing more detailed.

Science: Weather and seasons: observing how changes occur over time. We will also look at how weather affects us, how it can be dangerous, and how animals have adapted to winter weather.

Wider Curriculum:

Computing: Logging on to the computer and Internet Safety, focusing on practical ways to stay safe online and the importance of keeping personal information safe. Then, use a simple painting program to create pictures with different colours, textures, and shapes. We will also learn to add text and use the undo and redo functions.

Physical Education: Fundamentals, gymnastics, dance and ball skills. PE day is **TUESDAY and THURSDAY** - come to school wearing the school-approved PE kit, including trainers.

History & Geography: Our overall topic will be the Great Fire of London. Making comparisons between the era of 1666 and now, with a specific focus on the events of the fire and how fire safety has changed. In Geography, we will use maps and atlases to explore continents, oceans and other physical features of the earth.

Art & Design and Technology: Creating a bonfire picture applying the elements of line, colour and shape and using collage and different mediums such as coloured pencils and felt tips. In D&T, we will design, make, and evaluate construction mechanisms by creating a Tudor House with an opening door.

Personal Social Health Education: PSHE for the first term will focus on the 5 ways to wellbeing and how we can look after our mental and physical health.

Religious Education: Christian beliefs by exploring the Christian ritual of Holy Communion. Christian origins of Christmas through the KS1 nativity play.

Music: Children will build on their learning in the early years and focus on their senses.

Important Dates

Friday 9th October – Hello Yellow Day
Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October - Half Term
Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th November – Parent Consultations
Friday 4th December – Occasional Day-School Closed
Wednesday 9th December – Christmas Jumper, Panto & Dinner Day
Friday 18th December – Last day of Term
Monday 4th January – First day of Spring Term

Class Information:

Teaching Staff: Mrs O'Hara-West, Mrs Scarborough, Miss Powell & Mrs Fitzsimmons (Reading), Mrs Tape (P.E.) and Mrs Hake (Art).

Home Learning: Home learning is set on a Monday and returned the following Monday. Children are expected to read at least 5 times a week and record it in their reading record. Spelling will be tested each week. As always, adults are here to support with home learning if needed. Late or incomplete home learning will be completed during free school time.

Yours sincerely,

Curriculum Newsletter

CHERRY

www.brockswood.herts.sch.uk

Year 1 Teaching Team