

Dear Parents, Welcome to Year 1. We hope you have had a lovely holiday and are ready to come back to school. We are launching this year with our 'House for Sale!' topic where the lead subject is Science. We hope to inspire the children's interest and curiosity with live eggs that will hatch into chicks in the classroom. What's more, we have arranged for a bird of prey demonstration in the school hall after the October half term holidays. We ask that all children bring a water bottle to school each day. We will be having a set snack time at break where the children will be given a piece of fruit. If your child struggles with the selection of fruit provided, please feel free to send in a piece of fruit (this can be dried). Please bring a coat to school every day, that is appropriate for the weather.	English In English this half term we will be using a range of animal stories written by Julia Donaldson, to inspire the children to write. We will spend time working on The High 5 for writing, letter formation and phonics application. In Year 1 the children get the opportunity to visit the school library once a week. Please can you ensure that they have this book in school every Friday to swap. House for Sale! 	Maths In maths we will start by looking at place value within 10. The focus for the half term will be subitisation of numbers within 10. Children will be asked to identify numbers quickly through representation without counting. We will be using various representations, such as part-part-whole models and tens frames. Music We will learn the first rhythm tags (cat, monkey and rest) and associate them with characters in a familiar story. We will learn to compose, sing and perform using body percussion and a selection of untuned instruments as soloists, in groups and as an ensemble, varying dynamics and tempo.
PHSE Our key questions for this term will be: Who cares for me and what role do they play in my life? How are families different? Who can I tell if I am worried about something? What do I do if someone is unkind to me or my friends? Who can I talk to for help? Which parts of my body are private? What is appropriate and inappropriate touch? What do I do if a touch has made me feel uncomfortable? When do I need to ask permission to touch?	Art In Art we will be looking at the work of Clare Youngs as inspiration for our printing and collage unit. The children will be learning to create images of animals using the technique of collage. They will print their own paper and will then use what they have printed to make their own animal collage picture. 	Science Our science topic for this half term is 'Animals including humans'. As part of this unit the children will be learning to classify and identify by sorting animals. We will be learning about animal groups, looking at what animals eat and discussing adaptations to their environment. 
ICT This term in ICT we will be learning to log in safely and independently into Purple Mash. We will learn how to search Purple Mash to find resources and saved work in the online work area. With this developing fluency we will then move on to our topic on creative computing. The children will then use this to make simple pictures and games. 	RE In RE we will look at the focus question 'Who is a Christian and what do they believe?'. Through this topic we will look at Christian beliefs about God. We will look at the roles of God. We also look at what the bible says about God through the stories of 'Jonah' and 'The lost sheep'. 	PE Children will have their weekly outdoor games session on a Tuesday afternoon with the school sports coaches. They will also have a weekly gymnastics session on a Wednesday morning with Mrs Buchanan to work on their gymnastic skills.