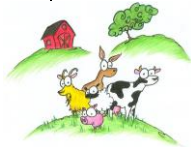
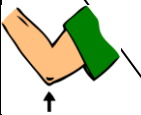




SCIENCE - Ourselves
 *Senses and sensing the world around us
 *Observations and comparisons between humans and animals
 *Movement
 *What humans and animals need to stay alive
 *Naming and matching body parts
 *Recognising animals and their babies
Visit from a mobile farm - details to follow



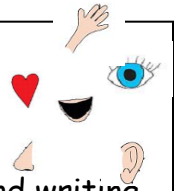
RE - Books and stories in Christianity.

ICT
E-safety - How to be safe on the internet
We are treasure hunters
 *Using control technology to follow instructions

What makes me special?

ART
 Drawing Portraits
 *Learning how to draw a self portrait

LITERACY
Drama for Writing
Poetry - about our senses
Information text - labelling and writing captions for human and animal bodies



MUSIC
Singing - find their singing voice and pitch matching
Listening - listening attentively to the teacher singing and recorded music
Pitch - higher and lower



DESIGN TECHNOLOGY - Moving Pictures
 *Using levers, hinges, and sliders to create a farmyard animal with moving body parts.

MATHS
 Number - using different 'tools to think with' to explore numbers

GEOGRAPHY
The local area
 * Where we live
 * Human features of our area
 * Making and using maps

PSHE
Changes
 Linked to Science, recognising how animals change as they grow
Good to be me
 Recognising similarities and differences

PE
Balls skills
 Throwing and catching
Dance
 Sports actions
 Animals



Year 1 Newsletter - for Autumn 2016

We hope you all have an exciting and restful summer holiday. We look forward to getting to know your children, and we hope this information helps you and your child prepare for being in Year 1.

The Team

Cherry Class - Miss Shah

Chestnut Class - Mrs. Rands and Mrs Worth (Friday)

Support staff: Miss Blanch and Mrs. Simms

Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Worth will be teaching the children on Wednesday afternoon for PE and RE.

We will start the new term by thinking about the reasons why we are proud of our town, Northampton, through looking at our sports teams including visits from Northampton Town Football Club, The Saints Rugby Club, Northants Cricket Club and our school club link 'Northampton Lawn Tennis club'. So, if you have any links to these teams or any others please let us know!

After this we will move on to our termly topic which is 'Why am I special?'

In Year 1, the children will be becoming more independent, so we ask that your child is dropped off at the door to the cloakroom area, and they are expected to carry their own coats, bags etc. A member of staff will be at the door for any questions or messages. Unless you need to talk to the teacher about an urgent matter, please see them at the end of the day. At 3.15pm the children are collected from their classroom door. Please keep checking the whiteboards outside our door as we will communicate any important information there.

The learning style in Year 1 will be similar to Reception, with some free flow between both classes during the afternoons with more whole class teaching in the mornings. The children will be given weekly challenges, which will also include the opportunity for learning through play. At the beginning of each session, the children will be involved in longer sessions of group learning and discussions.

PE - Please make sure that your child has suitable PE kit in school EVERY day. Also make sure your child is not wearing earrings on a PE day (Wednesday and Friday) and long hair must be tied back. The school uniform PE kit consists of the following items: team colour tee shirt, royal blue shorts, trainers, sweatshirt (must be separate to their daily school jumper), jogging bottoms. **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE make sure EVERYTHING is named!!! Unnamed items go missing frequently!**

Wellies - As the weather deteriorates please ensure that your child has a pair of named wellies in school everyday, under their peg, as we would like to be able to have the opportunity to work outside whenever possible.

Art - to prevent your child coming home covered in paint please supply them with a painting apron! An old shirt will do.

Water Bottles - Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school as they are not allowed to visit the water fountain during lessons. The children are only allowed water in their bottles, no juice or other liquids.

Reading - Regular reading in Key Stage 1 is extremely important as it benefits all areas of learning. The teachers will listen to the children read once every two weeks, and will decide when they are ready to move up a reading level. With this in mind we would ask that you hear your child read at home as often as possible. You can communicate with us via their Reading Record Please keep this safe in their book bag which must come to school every day. Children are given the opportunity to change their reading book independently every day as they come into school. **Your child will bring their reading book and record home week ending 16th September.**

Homework book/Link book - This will be in your child's book bag. Please let them decorate the cover with stickers or pictures from magazines of their favourite hobbies or interests. High Frequency words will be stuck in here fortnightly to practice reading and spelling and a spelling quiz will follow. The children will receive 'talk homework' each week to help them consolidate their learning, which will be a label put onto their tops. The phonic sounds that we are learning will be posted on the blog to keep you informed with their learning.

Blog- we will have a year group blog- please keep an eye out for posts and get involved!! ☺

As we are focusing on the basic skills, please try to help your child by practising regularly their sounds, high frequency words and counting in 2s,5s and 10s.

We would welcome any offers of help in the classroom to listen to readers, help with group work or even help with the cutting and sticking jobs. Just let us know. We are always grateful for help whether it is every week for a regular slot, or here and there when you have a chance.

We look forward to meeting you at the start of the new term. We are going to organise a short introductory meeting about some of the ways we teach in Year One and will be letting you know about the date for this in September.

**Many thanks,
The Year 1 Team**