



ALBAN WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year One! I hope you have all had a great summer and are ready for a new school year. This term our topic is Dinosaurs and we will be making lots of links to all areas of the curriculum to make learning relevant and fun.

This term children in Year One will be learning the following:

- English** Our units will be Labels, Lists and Captions, Poetry, Stories with Familiar Settings, Instructions, Recounts and Information Texts. We will be using plenty of books about dinosaurs, both fiction and non-fiction. We will be doing lots of work on sentence structure and punctuation.
- Maths** We will be gaining confidence with number and learning how to read and write numerals up to 100. We will be learning how to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. Later in the term we will be focusing on addition and subtraction and applying our knowledge of number bonds. We also have a unit on shape where we will be developing our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes.
- Science** The first half of the term we will be looking at Animals including humans during which we will be exploring our senses. After half-term we will be learning about forces.
- Art and DT** Linking closely to our Dinosaur topic we will be working with a range of materials and finding out about the work of famous artists. We will also be making Dinosaur fruit salad.
- Computing** We will be developing confidence with logging on and using a range of programmes on the laptops. We will also be using the laptops for research purposes.
- PE** We will be developing our throwing and catching skills in Games, learning a dinosaur dance in Dance and finding different ways of travelling in Gymnastics.
- RE** We will be identifying wonders of the natural world and finding out how different religions show thanks for our world. We will also be discussing different celebrations.
- P4C** We will use various stories and starting points for developing our thinking skills and give reasons for our beliefs.

Reading

It is important that your child's reading books and reading records are in school every day. Please fill in the reading record every time they read at home. Regular reading is so important, particularly at these early stages. It will really benefit your child if you can read with them as much as possible. Take the time to talk about the story and ask questions to check your child's understanding. Your child should be able to use their phonic knowledge to sound out most words and should begin to recognise tricky words which cannot be sounded out.

Homework

The children will bring home a homework book which will have a homework grid inside. Please pick one activity a week and sign and date when it has been completed. Homework books will be sent home on a Thursday and should be returned to school on a Tuesday. Sometimes there may be additional homework sent home to support work we are doing at school.





PE Kits

Children need to have a full PE kit. This is shorts, t-shirt, long trousers, long-sleeved top and trainers. PE kits should be left on your child's peg so that they are always at school when we need them. We have outdoor PE on a Monday and indoor PE on a Friday.

Punctuation and attendance

In Year One, we will be carrying on with the reward system that was started in Reception. If your child arrives at school on time they can put a treasure into the jar by the classroom door. When the jar is full the children will be able to choose a reward.

If you have any questions regarding any aspect of Year One please do not hesitate to ask either in person or via email admin@albanwood.herts.sch.uk .

Best wishes,

Mrs Thompson -*Year One Teacher*