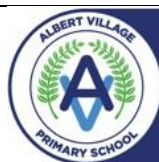


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## Diamond Class Newsletter, Autumn 2



Welcome to Diamond class in Autumn term 2. This term includes so much – Autumn, Winter, Bonfire Night, the build-up to Christmas, and so, so much learning! We are looking forward to having an exciting time with you all. Children are asked to bring their reading folder to and from school every day (including their spellings book) and we encourage them to read to an adult at home daily. We can't wait for another brilliant half term!

Miss Armston and Mrs Jenkin

### **Keep in contact**

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me on Class Dojo or at the door at the end of the day. I will check Class Dojo as often as I can throughout the school day, but if you have a message that needs delivering urgently, please ring the school office to ensure it gets through in time.

### **Home learning**

There is no formal homework in year 1. However, we do expect children to:

- Read regularly each week (at least 3 times per week, but daily if possible), and record it in their reading diaries.
- Practise the spellings that are sent home every Friday.

### **Reminders**

The school doors are open from 8:45am until 8:55am each morning. The registers close at 9:00am. We do start learning immediately on getting into school, so please try to arrive as close to 8:45am as possible. Similarly, the school day ends at 3:15pm, so please be prompt for collection at the end of the day.

Please ensure that your child wears their full school uniform every day, and that they wear PE kit on their PE days. They should wear either their school jumper, cardigan, or a plain black or navy hoodie over their PE kits. Please make sure ALL of their clothing is named.

Please send your child with a water bottle and a coat every day. In the Autumn and Winter, it can get very cold and wet, so please ensure your child's coat is suitable for break and lunch times in the Great British Weather.

The children in Key Stage 1 receive free fruit every day. As such, we do not allow them to bring their own snacks for break time. If your child would also like milk at break time, this will need to be signed up and paid for through the school's milk scheme.

### **Days and dates**

Our class PE days are **Monday** and **Friday** this half term.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December: Santa Fun Run for charity

There will also be a KS1 Nativity at the end of this half term, but the dates for these are still being finalised.

### **Our learning this term**

**English** – We will be focussing on *The Jolly Postman* by Janet & Allan Ahlberg. We will continue to work on sentence work, focussing particularly on capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, along with nouns, adjectives and verbs. As we get closer to Christmas, we will also focus on *The Jolly Christmas Postman*.

**Maths** – We will be focussing on addition and subtraction skills for most of the half term before moving on to shape work.

**PE** – We will be doing gymnastics and yoga in PE this half term.

**Science** – We will be starting the half term by looking at the 5 senses, including a fun tasting and smelling practical!

**Geography** – We will learn about Life in the UK.

**History** – We will look at Remembrance, building upon what we learned about WWI during our Walter Tull topic last half term. We will then move on to Changes in Recent Memory.

**PSHE** – We will look at 'Valuing Difference'. Support at home:

<https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/family-scarf/scarf-at-home/valuing-difference-5-7-years>

**Computing** – We will be using the iPads to look at creating Digital Painting.

**RE** – We will be thinking about the question 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?'

Look out for notices and reminder messages on Class Dojo!