



# Jaguar Class Newsletter

22.09.23

Welcome to our first class newsletter! We have had a fantastic start to the new school year, the children have settled back into routines quickly and we are so proud of their attitudes and efforts towards learning. Children have shown resilience through the transition from reception to year 1. I have been blown away by their fantastic writing and maths skills and we are excited to see the journey that Tigers will take throughout this academic year. In class we have spoken about what it means to be respectful, be responsible and be safe and we are continually reminding children of these 3 important qualities in class and around the school environment.

Reminder: Y1 are holding a meet the teacher afternoon on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October to outline the expectations for the year, share curriculum content and other general information.

## English

Our first text of the year is Stanley's Stick by John Hegley. The children used our fantastic bug garden to collect their own sticks they then used a range of adjectives and conjunctions to extend their sentences independently.

## Maths

In Maths, we have begun our unit on counting to 10. The children have been using practical resources such as ten frames to represent numbers. We have also been using number lines to identify 1 more and 1 less up to 20.

## Science

In Science, our unit this half term is Seasons and the Weather. We have begun by discussing what we already know about the weather and understanding what a weather forecast is. The children have been learning the seasons and months of the year.

## Geography

Our Geography topic for this half term is understanding our local area. The children have explored maps and the features of our city, town and village. We have also identified our Whiston Willis' location on a map.

## PSHE

In PSHE, we are enjoying the Jigsaw unit Being Me in My World. We have begun by thinking about worries we may have entering our new class and sharing these with each other. We have discussed strategies to manage our worries such as talking about them with an adult or friend.

## Art

In Art, the children are exploring art by Wassily Kandinsky. We have explored the difference between abstract and realist art and the use of shapes and colours that Kandinsky uses in his art work. The children have used spray bottles and cut out shapes to produce their own art work.

## Music

In Music, we will be completing the unit, Hey You. We have been looking at finding the pulse to the music.

## PE

The children are working on their balance, coordination through gymnastics. The fantastic Beth Tweddle Gymnastics team work with the children every Thursday to support their gymnastics skills.

## News

### Daily Reading at home

Please spend 10 minutes reading with your child, and record this in their reading records, it helps them to become confident and fluent readers who can move through the Read, Write Inc scheme. Please speak to staff in class if you require any further support with your child's reading.

### Uniform

Please ensure your child's uniform is labelled clearly with their name. This will really support staff in returning any lost uniform.

### Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a water bottle with them in school each day.

**PE**

Year 1 PE days are on Monday and Thursday, please ensure your child arrives to school in their PE kits on these days.

**Snack**

In year 1 children are provided with daily fruit as an option of snack. Children will no longer bring snack money in, children can bring in their own additional healthy snack for break time.

**Star of the week**

**Sonny W – 15.09.2023**

**Holly J – 22.09.2023**

To see all our latest learning and for school updates, please follow @MissAtkin05 on Twitter. This will be the account that we will use for Jaguar class.



**Thank you for your continued support**  
**Miss Cashman and Miss Garvey**