BISHOPSWOOD INFANT SCHOOL

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Year 1 Newsletter – Autumn 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely half term, and you are rested and relaxed ready for the busy, exciting and not-to-mention glittery run up to Christmas! The children have already made a fantastic start to the new half term, and we're so excited for all the learning, activities, and festive fun that lies ahead.

Learning Challenge

This term our Learning Challenge is **"How do the seasons change?"** and is based all around the seasons**.** We have already introduced our new learning challenge to the children with our 'Outdoor Autumn Day'. We had a great day and the children loved having a hot chocolate and marshmallows! You will be able to see the range of work we are covering on our attached topic curriculum letter.

Christmas

We are beginning to think about Christmas and will be planning lots of fun, festive activities for the children this year! Please check the main school newsletter for key dates regarding Christmas activities. For Christmas this year, Year 1 and 2 will be performing a KS1 Christmas concert. More information regarding this will follow closer to the time but please see below for the dates.

- Tuesday 15th December - KS1 Christmas Concert (am)
- Thursday 17th December - KS1 Christmas Concert (pm)

Reading

Even though this time of year can get particularly busy, it is important to continue to hear your child read as much as possible, and the children really do reap the rewards of regular reading. Your child will continue to bring home a reading book that matches their Monster Phonics stage. Please read these books as many times as possible with your child over the week in order to help their decoding skills and to build their fluency in reading. In addition, your child can choose a book from the book corner as a 'reading for pleasure' book. This can be read with adults at home and enjoyed together.

It is our expectation that you hear your child read **at least 3 times a week**. Please record this in your child's reading record (the 'monkey' books). **We will not change the book until it has been read three times**. Books will be changed on a **Monday.**

Spellings

There will be a separate letter sent about spellings shortly.

Homework Grid

Please find attached the homework grid for this half term. Any homework the children complete this term is optional and they will be given an opportunity to share it with the class. We have also attached a weather watching chart and a snakes and ladders common exception word reading game.

PE

PE will take place weekly on a **Thursday** afternoon. Please make sure you child's footwear is appropriate for indoor and outdoor PE. As always, we ask that long hair is tied back on these days and any earrings are either taken out or covered over with medical tape. Please be mindful of sending in children with laced shoes.

Reminders

- Please ensure your children's jumpers and cardigans are clearly named so they do not get lost.
- **Water** bottles need to be in school and taken home each day to be cleaned and re-filled.
- Please ensure children have a **coat in school every day** now that it is getting colder.
- Please ensure that any new items of clothing or footwear follow the uniform policy.
- Please remember that only 1 pair of small stud earrings are permitted in school – no hoops or large / shaped earrings please for health and safety reasons.

We hope that you and your children enjoy the term ahead of us. If you have any questions or concerns, please come and speak to your class teacher at the beginning of the school day. If you wish to have a longer chat with us, we can arrange a convenient time to talk in more detail.

Many thanks,

Year 1 Team.