Year 1
Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn Term 2026

A warm welcome to Conker Class. We hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer break. The Year 1 teachers this year are Miss Cormican (Mon-Wed) and Mrs Sandhu (Thurs-Fri), supported by Mrs Robinson, Mrs Savage. This year our class value is 'Thankfulness', we will be exploring more about what this means and how we can show it throughout each term.

The first half term is geography based, learning all about 'Where We Live'. Our English text leading the learning is 'Whatever Next' and we will be using this in order to publish our own writing at the end of term publishing party. We will be curious learners finding out about Milton Keynes and Grange Farm, exploring their senses and the human body as well as understanding why we are special. After half term, we will base our history topic on 'Toys then and Now' where we will be sequencing events, looking at toys from now and from the past and comparing them.

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English
We will read the book 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy where the children will focus on a narrative writing using simple sentences and punctuation. We will also be reading "Where the wild things are2" by Maurice Sendak.

We will have Phonics groups following the Read Write Inc. scheme of work. The phonics book they have read in class will be sent out each week with your child.

Art/Design and Technology
We will start with 'Spirals' where we will be looking at how can we use the properties of watercolour to make experimental images.
After half term we will focus on 3D structures where we will need to see if we can we build a castle for a king or queen, that is stable enough to withstand an attack.

PE Day is a Monday— Please make sure all children come to

Home Learning
This term we would like the children to complete the following tasks each week as home learning:
Home Learning Folder - Children have a home learning folder which will contain maths fluency targets, weekly spellings (Autumn 2) and reading books. This folder needs to be brought into school EVERY day. Weekly fluency targets and spellings will be given out on Fridays.
Fluency Targets- weekly fluency worksheets—
To know by heart all of the number bonds to 10,
To count in 2s
To count in 10s.
Children will be tested every Friday.
Spellings - Children will receive new spelling lists on a Friday to take home and learn. These will be tested on the following Friday.
Reading - Children should aim to read for ten minutes every day and log this in their reading diaries. This includes their phonics book read in class, a book bag phonics book linked to their current reading level and a reading for pleasure library book.

Music
In Autumn 2, we will focus on the nativity and songs linked to this.

Mathematics
Number: Place Value (within 10)
Addition and Subtraction (within 10)
Geometry: Shape

Science
During the Autumn Term, our science focus will be on 'Me and My Body'. We will explore eating healthily, how to keep clean and how to take care of ourselves. We will then go on to look at materials and their properties.

Personal, Social, Health and Emotional Development
In PSHE this half term we will be looking at Being me in my world. Learning how we can care for and look after others.

Religious Education
We will be exploring the questions: Why do most Christians call God 'creator'? and What do Christians celebrate together? We will learn this through stories of faith.

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school in their PE kit: black/grey bottoms, white top and black sweat shirt.