



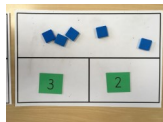
Dowson Primary Academy

Year 1's Classroom News

What will we be learning?

English

In year 1, we teach reading and writing through a scheme called "Read Write inc." which has proved very effective in teaching early reading and writing. Children will continue to learn the 44 sounds to be able to blend words to read and segment words to spell.



Maths

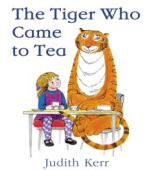
This term we will be concentrating on embedding basic mathematical skills, e.g. counting accurately, number formation, addition and subtraction, pattern and shape. We use the "Part, part, whole" model to develop understanding.

Exhibition Day

Towards the end of Autumn 1, the children will be preparing for an Exhibition Day which we hope you will be able to attend (more details to follow). This year, each year group will focus on a copy of a 'Power of Reading' book. The books that have been selected reflect our overarching theme of 'We Can Change The World' and our aim is to develop children's learning alongside their citizenship. Year 1 will be looking at "The Lonely Beast" by Chris Judge. The book focuses on subjects such as acceptance and tolerance of diversities. The story is about a beast who longs for friends.

Autumn 2

After half term, our theme will be "Tigers" where we will look closely at the book "The Tiger Who Came To Tea". We will also research tigers and create information booklets about them. Tigers are in decline so Year 1 will fundraise to adopt a tiger at Chester Zoo. This helps to develop their understanding of our overarching theme, "We Can Change The World".



As part of our Religious Education we will be learning about the Christmas story. All children will have a part in the Christmas production .

What is happening in school?

Dates for the Diary:



- Come Read With Me- Week commencing the 18th September
- Exhibition Day—26th October
- Parent consultation days—13th/14th November
- Individual photographs—20th October
- School open days for prospective new parents—16th October/20th November
- Christmas Production 11th December PM/ 12th December AM / 13th December AM

Reminders

- Read to, or listen to your child every night. Research shows that when children are confident readers they flourish in all areas of their learning.
- Full P.E kit needs to be in school at all times.
- Practise challenge cards regularly. We aim to change them twice a week.