



# William Shrewsbury Primary School

## Year One News - Autumn 2020



Hi!

First, I'd like to formally introduce you to the staff that your child will be working with in year one this year. Please join me in giving a warm welcome to Mr O'Sullivan, an experienced teacher with a breadth of experience working with a wide range of year groups, who has joined the team as a teacher after being a pupil here himself. The amazing Miss Hayes has also joined the Year 1 team, after being in Year 2 at WS last year.

My name is Mr Heald, and I've also joined the WS family again after being a pupil here myself 20 (and a bit) years ago. I am the new Assistant Headteacher, overseeing KS1.

Mrs Kirk, Mrs Brittain and Miss Goodwin complete the team, supporting learning across the year 1 classes.

We are very excited to have already started your child's learning journey, and we look forward to meeting you all over the coming weeks.

### Our topics this term...

#### First half term

#### **Once upon a time... (Traditional tales)**

- Map reading.
- Self-portraits/about me.
- Construction projects
- Exploring our senses

#### Second half term

#### **Festivals of light...**

- Gunpowder plot
- Diwali
- Firework safety
- The Christmas Story

Please try to find time to talk to your child about the above topics.

## READING

Just a reminder, reading books will now be changed once a week to allow us to quarantine/clean them. We will collect them in on a Wednesday, and will send 2 books home each week.

**PLEASE LISTEN TO YOUR CHILD READ AT LEAST 3 TIMES A WEEK WITH YOU AT HOME.**

Your child has been sent home with a phonics sound mat that they should learn. **Spend 1 or 2 minutes each day going through these with them.**



They also have a list of 'sight words' to learn. These are words to learn 'off by heart'. **Pick 2/3 new ones to learn, and recap the ones they already know for a couple of minutes each day.**



Please could you make sure that your child has their **indoor and outdoor kit** in school on a **Monday** and a **Thursday**, ready for our PE session. Please also ensure that all items belonging to your child are named and make sure long hair is tied back and **jewellery is removed**.  
Many thanks.

### Dates for your diary

#### **W/C 28<sup>th</sup> September**

- Black History Month - Inspirational Athletes.

#### **21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

- Parents evening

#### **26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> October**

- Half term

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> November**

- School re-opens

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Some ideas for helping your child with English & Maths at home

This term we are concentrating on the children's sentence structure. We are reminding them to use capital letters at the beginning of sentences and full stops at the end. We are also reminding them about their big spaces between words and to use their phonics to help them to sound out and spell words.

Please carry on sharing books with your child as often as possible. Reading a variety of books will help to develop a wide range of reading skills, e.g. using the pictures to work out words, looking at letter sounds to sound out vocabulary, talking about the story, pictures and characters to understand the book further and listening to you read to them in order to increase their own expression. Don't forget to update the reading log in your child's Reading Journal.

The children will massively benefit from correct letter formation practising.

We will send home a letter formation sheet with their target letters highlighted. You can use a white board pen, and you'll be able to use the sheet again and again...

## English

This term we are consolidating the children's knowledge of all the phase 2 sounds (see the sound mat in their reading folders).

We are learning the phase 3 sounds (also see the mats in their reading folders).

Log onto [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

Username: williams

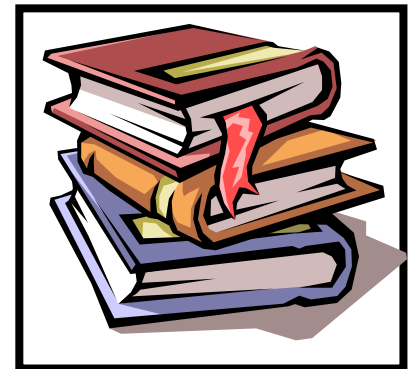
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Learn to blend and segment using the 'Reading Robot' game.

### Number formations

Practice writing numbers up to 10.

Make sure the numbers are the right way round, and are formed correctly.



## Maths

### Count objects to 20.

Where ever, whenever you can, get children to count objects. Toys, peas on their plate, pillows on the bed... Anything!

### Ordering/Comparing numbers.

Write 3 numbers down (up to 10)

Can they order them from smallest to biggest?

Write 2 numbers down. Use < > or = to compare the numbers.