**Year 1 & 2 - Lovelace, Shanlan and Anning Classes**

 **Newsletter: 6th November 2023**Welcome back after the Autumn half term. We hope you have had a relaxing week with your children.
This half term we have an exciting new topic to explore, ‘The Meadows’. This topic will help KS1 children begin to develop the skills needed in order to become a geographer. Children will be exploring features around their local area by applying field work and mapping skills. Alongside this fantastic topic, we will be exploring singing in music, sewing in D.T and understanding belonging in R.E. The children will have the opportunity to perform their nativity on Wednesday 13th December, following a trip to watch ‘The Boy Who Cried Wolf’ at Lakeside Arts theatre on Thursday 14th December.

**Being on time**Remember that classroom doors open at 8.45am on a morning. Children who were late last half term did miss key learning that the rest of the day was built on. It is imperative that children arrive ready to start the day’s learning, on time.

**Homework, Reading & Spellings**Homework will continue to be given out weekly and linked to the maths and English that they are currently studying in school. It is important that children access and complete this so they have a chance to consolidate what they have learnt. Alongside weekly homework, there is an expectation for children to read their reading books at home and practise their weekly spellings.

**Friday morning ‘Stay and Read’**Friday mornings ‘Stay & Read’ will continue. Please ensure you are on time for this as some children only had the opportunity to spend a small portion of time with their adult. We open our doors for a full 15 minutes for you to join your child in class for some quality reading time. To confirm, the timings for this are 8.45 – 9.00.

**PE**Please ensure your child brings in a standard school PE kit which is available to see on our website. PE will be Basketball this half term. P.E dates for specific classes are available on our webpage or will be found on the class door where you drop your children off in the morning.

Thank you,

KS1 team

**Diary Dates**13th November – Individual pupil school photographs
14th November – School Diwali celebrations (16.30-18.00)
17th November – Children in Need
6th & 7th December – Parents evening
TBC – Local area trip
13th December 2023 – KS1 Nativity
14th December 2023 – Lakeside Arts Theatre trip