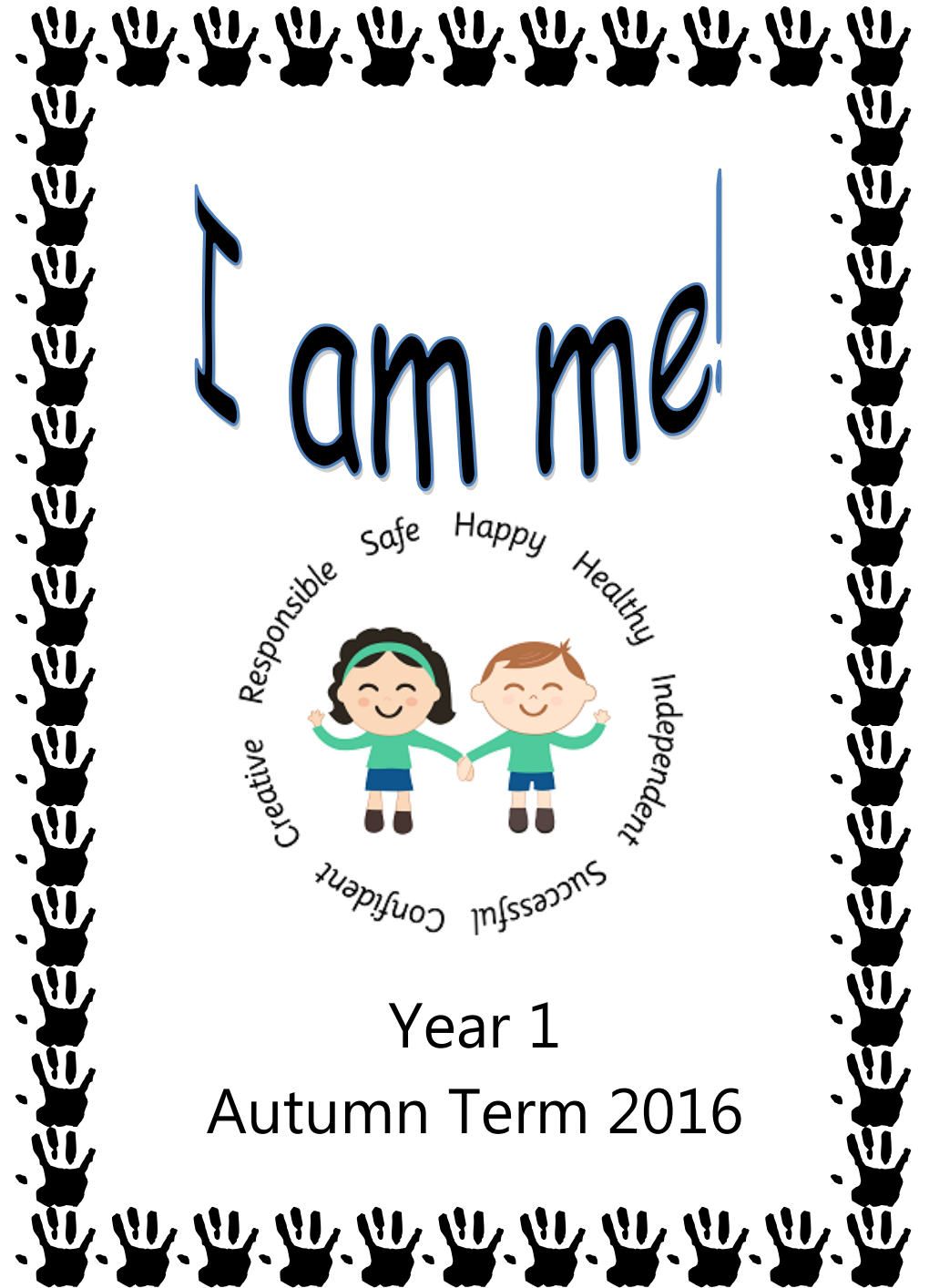


Happy Holidays!

It would be great if, during the holiday, you could talk to your child about their family and collect some photographs of grandparents or great grandparents! We would also welcome any photographs of Muxton in the past for the children to compare with modern Muxton.

Year 1 team:
Rhian Warlow, Angie Simpson and Vicky Petrylak.



Science & themes

In our science work this half term, the children will be learning to identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense; sight, smell, touch, taste & hearing. They will be given opportunities to learn the names of the main body parts (including head, neck, arms, elbows, legs, knees, face, ears, eyes, hair, mouth, teeth) through games, actions, songs and rhymes. You could help your child learn to spell some of these topic words in readiness. We will be carrying out a number of investigations to find out how our senses help us to make sense of the world around us.

Please encourage your child to use their senses around your home, whilst also being aware of potential dangers!

We will also be keeping track of changes in the seasons and associated weather patterns. How about watching some weather forecasts with your child and encourage them to consider weather whilst you're out and about during the holidays.

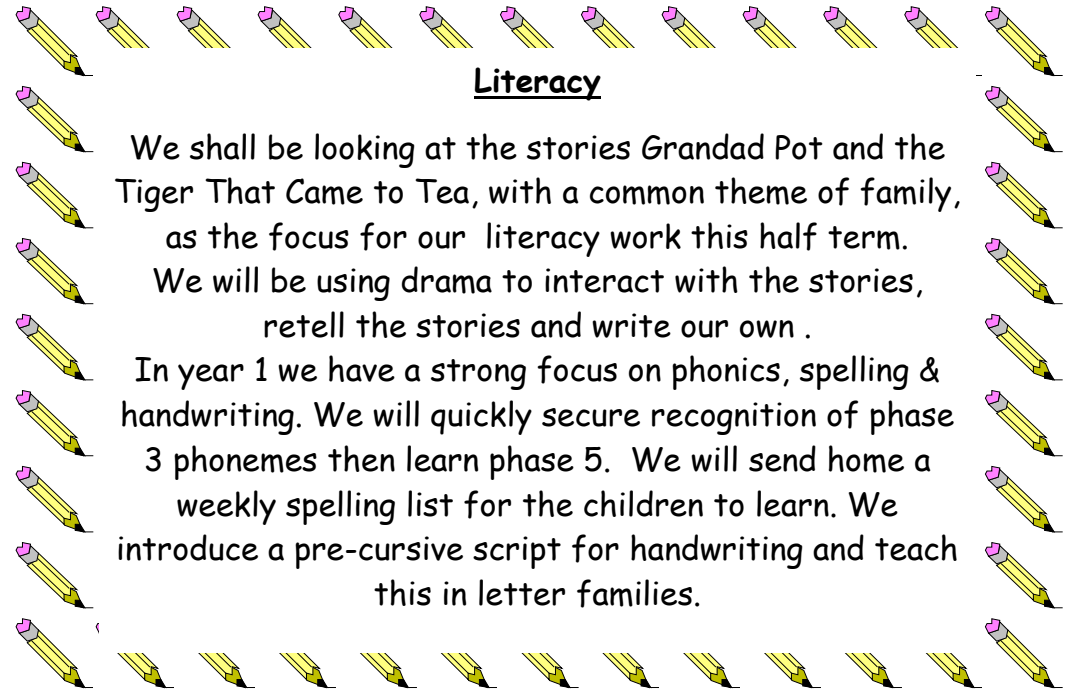
Later in the half term we will be visiting Acton Scott Historical Working farm and learn about Harvest time through the ages. Keep an eye out for any interesting information about our current Queen as well as Kings and Queens through the ages to support our theme work..

Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development (SMSC)

This area will form a large part of our work as it makes our expectations for behaviour, responsibilities and ways of working in year 1 at Muxton School clear to the children.

We will have a strong focus on listening skills and expectations for good behaviour. We will explain the traffic light behaviour consequence hierarchy and agree classroom rules with the children. Good behaviour and good listening skills are at the heart of good learning so this will be made clear to the children from the start so that they can quickly settle into learning.

A warm welcome to you all at the beginning of yet another school year! We look forward to working in partnership with you to make this an enjoyable and successful year for your child.



Literacy

We shall be looking at the stories *Grandad Pot* and the *Tiger That Came to Tea*, with a common theme of family, as the focus for our literacy work this half term.

We will be using drama to interact with the stories, retell the stories and write our own.

In year 1 we have a strong focus on phonics, spelling & handwriting. We will quickly secure recognition of phase 3 phonemes then learn phase 5. We will send home a weekly spelling list for the children to learn. We introduce a pre-cursive script for handwriting and teach this in letter families.

Maths

In year 1 the children will learn to count forwards & backwards to and from 100. Please practise during the holidays.

They will be covering a range of numeracy topics, including money, shape & length, as well as counting & number bonds. It will be useful to your child to involve them in everyday mathematical activities, to help reinforce skills in these areas, for example: counting out coins when shopping, counting & laying out cutlery at mealtimes, weighing ingredients for cooking & talking about different 2D & 3D shapes in the environment.