

### Welcome to Class 1!

A very warm welcome to everyone in Class 1; I have very much enjoyed meeting all the children in Class 1 and we have had a super first week. A curriculum newsletter will be sent out every half term to explain the school's theme for learning and the areas we will be covering in Class 1; it will also give you information regarding practical matters and routines throughout the year. Our theme for learning this half term is **Hearts and Minds**.



Read Write Inc.

### Literacy

This week the children will start to participate in daily Read Write Inc sessions where they will learn letter sounds, how to blend sounds in order to read words and share books as a group. Please try to attend the Early Phonic and Literacy Evening to find out how your child will learn to read and write.

The children will have opportunities to write in many different areas around the classroom. We will be focusing on teaching the children how to hold their pencil with a 3-finger grip and how write their name independently using correct letter formation. They will also have plenty of opportunities to develop communication and social skills with children and adults at many times during the day.

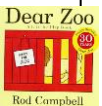
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This half term the children will be learning to write labels and captions. We will be focusing on consistently writing sentences with a capital letter and full stop. We are also learning how to join letters during our handwriting session



### Understanding the World

This half term we are going to find out about Old and New toys. We will compare toys by looking at what they are made from and how they were used.



### Science

Mrs Tait will teach science every Wednesday. She will be teaching the children about animals and their young. They will be learning about classifying and grouping animals. They will also link this to our bodies and how we use our bodies.

### Physical development

In PE the children will learn to get changed independently, listen and follow instructions, move safely and change their speed.

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The children will develop their throwing and catching skills and learn how balance with different points on the floor.



### Mathematics

The Reception Children will participate in whole class and adult-led maths activities every day. The majority of maths will be practical and fun with limited recording at this early stage in their education. We are focusing on counting up to 10, using correct number names, recognising numerals to 9, using mathematical language within their play and being able to find one more than and one less than a given number.

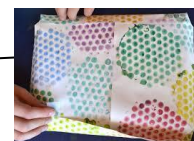
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Children will be counting to and across 100, learning to write 2 digit numbers, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. The children will also learn about measuring lengths and heights, properties of 2D/3D shapes and addition and subtraction.



### Expressive Arts and Design

The children will learn about printing. We will look at wrapping paper and how patterns are used to make a design. We will experiment with different objects and how to use them to create patterns by printing with paint.



### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term the children will be participating in circle time activities as a whole class to learn each other's names and develop their listening skills. We will also think about how we learn in Class 1 and how we can help each other to learn.



## Reception pupils

### Coming into school

We are hoping the children will become independent when coming into school as a class rather than with parents/carers. It is usually easier to start this sooner rather than later, **so please could parents/carers begin to encourage children to come in on their own as from Monday 21 September.**

### Sound cards

Your child will be bringing home sound cards to practise letter sounds with you in a couple of weeks. Ways of supporting your child with their reading will be shared at the parent meeting on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October @ 7pm.

### Reading Books

Initially, children will be bringing home a book to share with an adult. This will either be a school library book or a picture book with no words. The aim of these books is to encourage children to tell a story based on their own ideas using story language. Please share these books with your child and encourage them to talk about the story and the pictures. As children learn a bank of letter sounds **and** can blend these together to read words, then they will move on to the school reading scheme and we will send home simple reading books. The point at which this happens will be different for each child. The reading book will be accompanied by a Reading Record for you to record your comments and sign each time you listen to your child read. School will also record comments when your child reads in school.

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### Reading

We expect that children will read at home **every** day. Your child will have their reading books changed during the school week and we aim to hear each child twice a week.

### Spellings

Your child will receive a set of spellings this Friday. Your child will have a weekly spelling test in class on a Friday. They will receive a new set of spellings when they have completed the whole set. Therefore they need their spelling books in their book bags on a Friday. Please support your child regularly to learn to read and spell the words on their list.

### KIRFs

Your child will have already receive their KIRFs for this half term. On the sheet are suggested activities and ideas you can do with your child. They will have a KIRF challenge every Wednesday, in which they will try to answer as many questions related to their KIRF in 2 minutes. This is a challenging task and we will work on the KIRFs in school too. Certificates are given out at the end of every half term; 10-15 questions correct earn a bronze, 15-20 questions correct earns a silver and all 20 questions correct earns a gold. They will have their KIRFs challenge every Wednesday and we will record their results in their reading record.

### Dates

Wednesday 23 September - Meet the Teacher. There will be two meetings straight after each other for those parents/carers who need to attend more than one meeting.

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October - Early Literacy Information Evening @ 7pm

Tuesday 6 October @ 7pm - Mathematics evening for Parents (Whole school)

Thursday 8 October - Harvest Festival Worship @ 9am (All parents and carers are welcome to attend worship in the school hall on this day)

Thursday 15 October - Celebrating our Work Worship @ 9am - Every class shares something they have been learning about this half term. You are welcome to join us to celebrate all the work we have been doing.

Thursday 22 October - Last day of the half term

Friday 23 October - Teacher Training Day

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to speak to me or make an appointment to see me.

Miss R Langley

Mrs C Oosterveen

Ms D Budd