



I hope everyone has had a good summer. However, September is here and it is time to get back into the school routine at the start of a new, exciting year. We are very much looking forward to teaching and getting to know your wonderful children. They already seem to be settling fantastically into Year 1.

### English

In class 1 we continue to use the extremely successful RWI phonics programme to help us with our reading on a daily basis. In literacy, we will focus on exciting stories like 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea' to get our reading and writing warmed up. Then we'll begin to link our literacy to other areas of the curriculum in reading 'Katie in London' alongside our geography topic of 'Where we live and London'. We will be working on planning sentences, using capital letters to begin sentences and full stops to end them. We will practise our letter formation and begin to write smaller, whilst sitting our letters on the line. If you can encourage a good sitting position and pencil grip at home this will be very beneficial in class.

### Maths

So far in maths we have all been very focussed on number formation and accurate counting. We will begin to develop our confidence in counting to 100 in 1's and then 2's and 10's. Later, counting backwards from 100 will be on the cards too! We will be comparing quantities and identifying the 'most' and 'least'. We will then concentrate on calculating one more or one less and place value. Furthermore, we will explore addition and then subtraction.

### Topic

In topic lessons, we will start by locating different holiday destinations on our World Map, as well as on our globe. We will be looking at 'Google Maps' and developing our understanding of where we live. We will be comparing Netherthong and Holmfirth to our capital city London and also begin to develop an understanding of where the four countries of the UK are located and which seas surround them.

### Science and Computing

In Science, the focus will be all about our bodies and labelling the main parts of our bodies and discovering how our skeletons look and also all about our senses. Following this, learning about seasonal changes will coincide with the change of leaf colour in Autumn. We will explore our woodland and examine the different trees and shrubs around school. During our computing sessions, class one will explore Purple Mash and study e-safety.

### PHSE and RE

In R.E. we will discuss our favourite stories and compare them. Stories from both 'The Bible' and 'The Quran' will be explored and we will see what we can learn from them. We will use role play and discussion circles to address a wide range of PSHE scenarios and will begin to learn how peer massage, mindfulness and consideration can help create a calming classroom.

### PE

This half term Netball will be our main focus. This will entail a wide range of multi-skills; throwing, catching, balancing, moving off the ball, communication and working as a team. Your child will need a *fully-labelled* PE kit – including correct footwear – in school for these days in order to participate. PE lessons will usually take place on a Wednesday and Friday though these can be subject to change occasionally.

**Important Dates this half term:** Parents' Evenings- 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
Individual Photos – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September  
Open Day – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October



Here are a just a few ways in which you can aid your child's learning at home and additional information to help you;

- Please continue sharing stories with your child and if possible listening to your child read every evening.
- Please could your child practise writing both his/her forename and surname.
- Please could you support your child in recognising and practising forming numbers to 10 and then 20 and beyond.
- Could you also please support your child in correctly forming each letter of the alphabet. (sheet attached)
- Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school every day.
- P.E. kits will be needed on both a Wednesday and a Friday. Please leave a P.E. kit in school with your child for the whole of each half term. They can store them in their lockers.
- Library books will be changed on a Wednesday and reading books throughout the week.
- Homework will be sent home on a Friday; usually consisting of a number of spellings to learn in a spelling book or through spelling shed and a Maths activity (either Schofield and Simms or an IXL online activity). The children will be given a username and password for IXL; we will inform you when we would like the children to complete these activities as we prefer them to be completed when we are concentrating on the same area of Maths in class. The children will be asked to complete either an IXL activity or a Schofield and Simms activity, not both. We recommend spending around an hour a week on homework and be sure to keep listening to your children read.

Mrs Cooper and Miss Kewley will be joining us in class 1 this year. We all hope your child thoroughly enjoys Class 1. Please do let us know if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child settling into the class. The children have had a wonderful first week and we hope they will continue to have a fabulous, fun time in Class 1. If anyone has any time in which they can volunteer in school to help with reading and other activities please let one of us know. Thanks!

Mr Hobson, Miss Watkins and the Year 1 Team!



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