



## Class 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have an exciting half term ahead of us, from creative art lessons exploring the medium of water colour to learning all about rhythm and rap in music. The children have made a fantastic start to the term already and it has been wonderful to see how engaged they are with their learning across all subjects. We look forward to what this term has to bring!

We started this term with a MindMate day, themed around friends and family, looking specifically at how we can identify big feelings and communicate if we need help.

### English

Thank you for your continued effort with reading at home with your child. It is so important to try to read together as much as possible. We will collect books in to change on a Thursday. Please do write a comment in the yellow reading record when you have read with your child at home.

In our writing lessons, we have started a new and exciting topic of recount writing. The children are writing a postcard in the first person to 'Miss Skate', imitating the fish, Tiddler, and his crazy adventures. The children are already really engaged with the unit and have thoroughly enjoyed learning the model text and all the new grammatical features linked to this text type. The purpose of this text is that they will be able to create postcards to take home and post with their adults at home.

### Maths

In Maths, the children will be developing their addition and subtraction skills further this half term by looking at numbers up to twenty. There will be a strong onus on place value and cementing understanding of teen numbers. The children will also expand their understanding of the number line and explore mathematical estimation. We continue to follow the structure of concrete, pictorial, abstract to support the children's core understanding of key concepts.

*If there are any worries or questions, please email or phone the school office and ask to speak with me.*

Miss Piscicelli

### Reminders

The school gates open at 8:30 ready for the classroom door to open at **08.40**. Children are expected to be seated and ready to learn by **08.50**. We politely ask that you say goodbye to your child outside before they come into the classroom.

### Staff in Y1

Miss Piscicelli will be the main class teacher and will be working alongside Miss McCloy, Mrs Tordoff, Miss Thewlis and Miss Thackray.

### P.E.

**Wednesdays (indoor) and Thursdays (indoor with the coach)** - please come to school in the correct PE kit on these days as per the school policy.

### Library

This remains on a **Friday**.

### Reading

Home reading books to be returned on **Thursdays**.

### Upcoming Dates:

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

Cyber Security virtual live assembly

**w/c Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

International Week

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

Safer Internet Day & Supper for Peace

