



## Class 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a wonderful break and welcome back to school for the Summer 1 term. It has been an amazing first week back and the children have already been working extremely hard – we are seeing fantastic progress being made by the children as they near the end of Year 1. There are many exciting plans being made for this term which we know the children will enjoy thoroughly. We have already been making the most of the warmer weather and are excited to have the opportunity to enjoy our outdoor learning spaces even more as the weather becomes brighter.

We started this term with a MindMate day themed around uniqueness, looking specifically at how we celebrate diversity. The children really engaged and understood the objectives and enjoyed exploring what makes them special.

### 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 topic of persuasive writing. The children are writing an advert to convince hermit crabs to purchase a new shell home. This unit is linked to the book 'A house for a hermit crab' and the children are already highly engaged with the new unit. They have loved elevating their descriptions using exciting adjectives, rhetorical questions and exaggeration. We will then look at developing character descriptions, giving the children the opportunity to showcase all the new techniques they have learnt over the course of the school year so far.

### Maths

This half term, the children will be introduced to the basics of multiplication and division. We will be exploring equal groups, arrays as well as developing reasoning skills. We will then move on to fractions, building on our multiplication and division knowledge. The children have been practicing counting in 5s and 10s in school already and we will look at counting in 2s this term too. We highly encourage that you practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s at home with your child to further cement their understanding. There are lots of free resources, games and songs that you can access online. Please ask if you need any further help and I can signpost you to specific resources.

### Additional Subjects

Children will also be exploring plants in science with lots of opportunity for outside learning. They will also be continuing with their geographical unit of Africa as well as moving on to an exciting new history unit that look at the Great Fire of London and the work of Florence Nightingale. Children will also have RE, Art and Music once a week this term. In art, the children will be creating their own 3D bird sculptures which we hope to put on display for parents and carers at the end of the term.

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

*Miss Piscicelli me.*

### 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.

**Tuesdays and Wednesdays** - 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**.

**Please read with your child a minimum of 4 times a week.**

### Upcoming Dates:

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

KS1 Sports Day

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

Last day of half term

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

Back to school

