

Class 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and welcome to Year 1! We hope you've had an amazing summer and are ready to get settled into an exciting new term. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child as we get stuck into the school year. It's great to see how quickly the children have settled in already and shows just how brilliant they are!

We've started the term with a MindMate day, themed around Feeling Good and Being Me. Ask your child what they can tell you about being proud of themselves! The children have settled into the new routines really well and have shown us some fantastic learning already!

Now the children are in Year 1, we will be gradually moving away from free-flow based learning and towards whole class teaching. To help the children adjust to a new style of learning, we are starting with a mixture of whole class lessons, practical activities and smaller group sessions. We will ensure that learning continues to be lots of fun!

Reading

We introduced a new home reading scheme last year. It follows a new model, detailed in the 'Home Reading Home-School Partnership' letter, which you will receive at the end of next week. Children will receive their book on the Friday of the second week, following a week of reading the book with their reading teacher – children should aim to read their book with 90% fluency. We ask that you read with your child as much as you can at home for about 10-15 minutes at a time – whether with their reading book or another text that sparks their interest and note this down in their home reading journal. The level of expectation by the end of Year 1 is quite high in reading, and we want to give the children every chance of getting there. Please make sure that your child brings their book into school every day as they may be asked to read with an adult at any time. **Home reading books should be brought into school on a Thursday, so that they can be changed and their new book returned home on a Friday.**

Children will continue to visit the library each week and are able to choose a book to take home to read. Please share and enjoy these books together and return them each week on a **Friday**.

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.

P.E.

Wednesdays and Thursdays - please come to school in the correct PE kit on these days as per the school policy.

Reading

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

Library

Library books to be returned on **Fridays**.

Staff in Y1

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

Dates to remember:

Tuesday 6th October
Individual Class Photos

Tuesday 13th October and Tuesday 20th October
Parents' Evening

Friday 23rd October
Break up for half term

English

To support children back into regular writing, we aim to make writing an enjoyable and exciting experience. This half term we will continue to build on simple sentence work. This will focus on writing captions to photographs taken from their Reception school trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park, using descriptive language centred around the popular Oliver Jeffers book 'Lost and Found' as well as starting short narrative writing linked to "A Dark Dark Tale". We will then introduce the structure of instructions and explore this form of writing through recipe work.

Maths

In Year 1, children now use a Maths scheme called Power Maths. This half term, we will be covering in depth learning of numbers up to 10. This will include different representations as well as addition and subtraction. We will also be continuing to use the 'rekenrek' equipment to support instant recall of number facts as the children did in reception.

Topic

In KS1, our first topic will be 'Toys'. This will be a history topic where children will be introduced to the concepts of past and present and learn about how toys have changed through time. We will send home a 'Knowledge Organiser' with all of the key facts and vocabulary children will need for this topic. Please look at this with your child and help them to learn from it. It will really help them immerse themselves in the exciting lessons we have planned!

Science

This half term, we will be exploring the topic of the human body. Children will be able to identify, name, draw and label parts of the human body as well as looking at each of the senses in greater depth. There will be lots of practical exploration and we encourage the children to be inquisitive and curious. Why not take your child outside and see what they can identify with each of their senses!

Foundation Subjects

Children will also have RE, art and music once a week this term. In art, the children will be exploring spiral artwork through the medium of chalks, working on large and unconventional canvases. In music, the children will be working through a unit that is focused on the ocean and will take inspiration from bodies of water.

Polite Reminder

Please ensure all of your child's items are named including all school uniform, coats, PE kits and water bottles.

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

Miss Piscicelli