



Dear Parents,

Welcome to our Class 1 Autumn Term 2018 Newsletter. I hope you all had a lovely Summer Holidays and enjoyed sunny hot days out with your family. I'm sure everyone got plenty of sunshine and loads of ice-cream!

What an exciting term is ahead of us! I would like to welcome all our new children and their families to Class 1 team. Please feel free to come in and spend some time in the classroom in the morning during the soft start of our day between **8.40 and 9 am**. This will help some children to settle in and get ready for the day. We are happy to talk to you about anything you wish to discuss and answer any questions you may have.

Our topic this term is **"People Who Help Us"**. Most of our learning will relate to it. In **"Understanding the World"** the children will be learning about different professions and how they help us. We are hoping to have a visit from a local Fire Station to tell the children about their important work. In our garden, we have grown some fantastic vegetables and the children will get an opportunity to do some gardening and prepare for Harvest Festival.

In the second half term the children will start preparing for Christmas Celebrations and will take part in a Christmas play alongside with Class 2.

Our **Forest School** sessions will take place on **Thursday mornings** with **Mrs Hazell**. Please make sure **ALL** the outdoor clothing items are **clearly labelled** (including the green bag) and are kept in school until the end of ½ term.

PE lessons will take place on **Mondays pm**. The children can demonstrate their abilities while completing various obstacle courses. But firstly, we will learn how to get ready for PE lesson independently. Please make sure your child has the correct PE items that are also **clearly labelled** (including the blue bag) and stay in school until the end of ½ term.

In **Literacy**, we will be focusing on a story every half term as well as enjoying lots of other fun stories and rhymes about people and their jobs. Our first story is "Farmer Duck". The children will be learning a skill of storytelling through role play, sequencing story events using pictures, having opportunities to re-tell and change stories as well as create their own!

This term the children will develop their literacy skills by:

- Learning to identify a variety of sounds in our environment.
- Learning letter sounds in phonics sessions (s a t p i n m d g o c k ck e u r h b f/ff l/l ss j v w x y z qu sh ch th ng)
- Learning to read and write tricky words in phonics sessions (is, it, in, at, and, the, to, no, go, I, he, she, we, me, be).
- Use letter sounds to read and write simple words like cat, bat, sock, mop, etc.
- Reading and writing own full name.
- Making labels.
- Writing lists.

Once the children have settled in their new school life they will be given a yellow Reading Record book and a book to read at home every day. This needs to be brought to school **every day** for me to check on how your child's reading is progressing at home and to change their book. Please fill in the record book daily as you read with your child at home.

In **Math** this term, the children will be learning:

- Classifying, matching, comparing, ordering objects.
- Creating and re-creating patterns.
- Recognising and ordering numbers to 5 or more.
- Finding one more or one less from a given number within 5 or more.
- Estimating a number of objects and check by counting to 5 or more.
- Naming and describing the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.
- Measuring.
- Adding and subtracting two single-digit numbers.

In Class 1 the children are provided with some weekly Learning Challenges to try out at home. This will go home on **Fridays** in their **"To and fro" book**. The children will have an opportunity to show you what they have been learning at school and try out some of suggested challenges at home. This needs to be returned by the following **Thursday**.

It is very useful for us to have your feedback on how your child learns outside the school. Therefore, we have our **"Popcorn Moments"** to celebrate anything that your child learnt, enjoyed or tried for the very first time. Please write it on a popcorn cut-out that are available in the classroom under 'Our Popcorn Moments' display or from a member of staff. Simply hand it to your teacher or place it on the teacher's desk in the morning and we will celebrate your child's achievements in class. As soon as our popcorn hat reaches the top the children will enjoy a special treat! Usually we have a Popcorn Party with music, games and bubbles!

Every **Friday** the children may bring a small **"Show & Tell"** item to school for a presentation to the whole class. The children enjoy thoroughly these sessions. Please send in an item on a **Friday** that is linked to the topic "People who help us" and place it in a basket for a demonstration later that morning. Please note that any other toys or precious items are not permitted at school.

We would like to invite all your family members to our weekly **Celebration Assembly on Fridays** at **9 am**. The children are awarded for their great learning efforts and achievements. After the assembly sometimes PTA organises a coffee morning for the parents to meet each other and catch up.

As always, please let us know if you need further information from us or have any queries at all. This could be done through the office by telephone, e-mail, written letter or verbal message. I am happy to answer any short queries at the end of the day during collection time. Should you need to discuss a matter at length please could you make an appointment at a convenient time.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

Mrs Anna Woolfson.

