



Class 1 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome back after the Summer holidays. I hope you have all had a lovely break. I am really looking forward to getting to know my new class and seeing all of their amazing work.

We have lots of exciting learning planned ahead for the Autumn term, including a visit to Eureka! The National Children's Museum as part of our Science learning. This visit is taking place on **Tuesday 11th November** and more details will follow.

We will also be completing 6 mini projects this term. These are: Funny Faces and Fabulous Features, Mix It, Everyday Materials, Human Senses, Our Wonderful World and Shade and Shelter.

In maths this term we will focus on Place Value (within 10), Addition and Subtraction (within 10) and shape in Geometry.

In reading children learn to read following the Read, Write Inc. Phonics Programme in Year 1. All children have daily phonics lessons that are taught at their phonics level.

In writing this term we will be focusing on forming our letters correctly and writing sentences using the phonics sounds that we know. We will use 'Hold a Sentence' to help us write our sentences as well as being encouraged to write sentences independently. We will learn about using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.

Here are also a few other things that might be helpful for you to know about Class 1...

P.E

Our P.E. days are on a Monday and Wednesday. On PE days children need to wear their PE kit for school. Children will also need earrings removed on these days and long hair tied back. If children do not come to school in the correct PE kit they will be given a school one to wear for the day.

Reading Books

We ask that children bring their book bags and reading records into school every day. We aim to give children opportunities to read in school whenever possible. Book bags are kept in the children's drawers and will be given out at home time to take home.

Phonics

At the end of Year 1, children are expected to take a statutory phonics screening check. This check will take place on the week beginning **8th June**. I will be sending out more information on how you can help your child with their phonics in the coming weeks.

Letter Formation/Handwriting

In Year 1, we do lots of letter formation practice, following on from the 'Read, Write Inc.' letter formation rhymes that your child has been taught in the Foundation Stage.

Homework

All children must read at home at least 3 times a week for approximately 10 minutes with an adult. Children will be sent home with three reading books - a 'Read, Write Inc.' reading book which they will have read in school in their phonics lessons, a 'Read, Write, Inc.' Book Bag book and a reading for pleasure book which they will have chosen themselves from our class library. When you have read with your child, we ask that you please write this in their reading diary, with a short comment stating which book they have read and the page number they have read up to.

Reading records will be checked every Monday.

RWI phonics video links will be sent home too as and when required for your child to follow and participate in.

Children will also be sent home with weekly spellings to learn and a maths recall facts sheet to learn over the term.

Class Dojo

Class Dojo is a good way of communicating with each other. I often post messages on Dojo about homework or items that your child may need to fetch into class. You can also message me on Dojo but I may not always pick up these messages straight away and may not always be able to reply immediately.

Names on Items

Please could you put your child's name on all of their items including; clothes, water bottle and book bag.

Refreshments

Children need to bring a water bottle into school every day (no fizzy drinks please). This should be taken home at the end of the day, so that it can be washed and refilled. All children will be provided with a healthy snack at breaktime.

New to Year 1 Parent/Carer Meeting

I will be holding a short meeting on **Monday 15th September 3:05pm – 3:30pm** so you can find out a little bit more about Year 1 and so I can answer any questions you may have.

Lastly...

I am very much looking forward to the year ahead with Class 1 and I would like to thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you



Mrs Towers