

Welcome back Class 1



A huge 'welcome back' to all of our families. I do hope that you have had a lovely summer break and are ready for exciting, new learning opportunities. Our theme this half term is '**Happily Ever After**' which is based around traditional fairy tales. During this topic, our children will be looking at famous castles and be able to name them and understand why they were built. We'll be looking at significant members of the royal family and beginning to understand their roles and responsibilities. During our Science lessons we'll be recognising the difference between living things and things that have never been alive.

This half term, our focus will be on traditional tales, fables and fairytales. We will be linking different types of stories together to highlight the similarities and differences between variations of original stories. At the beginning of our theme our English sessions will be based around the text 'Little Red Riding Hood' and later on in the theme our main text will be 'Cinderella'. The children will get to know and understand the characters well. By the end of the half term, each child will write their own version of the story using various innovations. Our main focus will be saying our sentences out loud and writing this down, using the correct letter formation and punctuation.

Daily Sounds Write phonics sessions, alongside active and written handwriting sessions will be a part of our weekly routine, which will help with our gross and fine motor skills, leading to improved handwriting.

The Year 2 children will be part of guided reading sessions in small stage appropriate groups. They will be listening to stories, talking about the stories and applying their reading skills. There will be a focus on reading and interpreting the text to understand the story at a deeper level. All children will be bringing home a reading book and diary by Wednesday. We aim to read with your children individually at least once a week. Please spend time looking at this with your child as often as possible. At the end of each day, we have a class story and discuss key themes and infer meaning as a whole class.

In Maths lessons, our youngest children will be exploring mathematical patterns and matching, comparing and sorting amounts. There will be a focus on Place Value for our Year 1 and 2 children. Our Year 1 children will be counting, sorting and representing numbers using equipment and simple drawings. They will learn to compare numbers and explore mathematical concepts—less than, more than and equal to. In Year 2, the children will be making tens and ones and understanding the value of each numeral. They will use this knowledge to partition numbers, plot them on number lines and count in groups of 2,3,5 and 10. Towards the end of the half term, our Year 2 children will be using fact families and number bonds to explore word problems.

Class 1 will have their PE session on a **TUESDAY**. Forest school will take place on a **THURSDAY** afternoon. Forest school will take place in all weathers, with the exception of high winds. Please ensure that your child has waterproofs and boots in school.

PLEASE NOTE: PE and Forest School will both start on the second week back—WC 4th Sept

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD COMES TO SCHOOL IN THEIR KIT ON THE DESIGNATED DAY.

Ways to help with learning at home this term

Weekly spellings will be sent home for the Year 1 and 2 children, to be tested on a **WEDNESDAY**. Please take a look at these each week and help your child to spell the words independently.

Reading—Please ensure that your child's reading book and diary comes to school every day. Please remember to write in your child's diary every time you read with them. We very much value your support in listening to your child read. Sharing books together is a fantastic way to nurture positive reading habits. Bedtime stories where you model the reading is hugely beneficial.

Homework challenges— On Friday everyone will receive a Seesaw login. Please use this to access the homework and spellings online. Each child will receive a homework challenge menu. There will be enough tasks to complete at least 1 per week based on our topic. You can choose any way that you would like to record your experiences, for example, you can use pictures, photographs, writing, cartoons or you could stick souvenirs in your book. You can also choose the order in which you complete the challenges. Please don't worry if you do not get chance to complete all of the challenges, they are designed for you to pick and choose which activities you would like to do with your child and that fit around your family life. Each week we will choose a selection of work to be presented to the class to develop social and communication skills. We do hope that you can complete as many challenges as possible so that your child can share their successes with their peers and school staff.

Many Thanks for your continued support

Miss Timbrell & the Class 1 team