

Welcome back Class 1



Welcome back, I hope you've all had a lovely break and are ready to engage in our new learning experiences this half term. Our topic this half term is '**Weather**'. Our children will build knowledge of seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK. Begin to understand the hot and cold areas of the world as well as developing locational knowledge and early geographical skills. Towards the end of the topic we'll be learning about extreme weather such as flooding, hurricanes and tornadoes.

This half term we will be looking at some lovely key texts and continuing to build our understanding of description using interesting language choices, we'll be sequencing stories and thinking about alternative beginning and endings. For the last two weeks of term we'll be moving onto diary and letter writing from the perspective of key characters. Our texts will be 'After the Storm' by Nick Butterworth and 'Katie who tamed the wind' by Liz Garton Scanlon.

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 1 and 2 children are a 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. We aim to read with your children individually at least once a week. However please do remember that we read several times a day individually, as part of a small group and a whole class and this is not documented in your child's reading diary. Please spend time looking at this with your child as often as possible and ensure that your child's book is in school EVERY DAY.

This term our Reception children will be building their knowledge of numbers to 10 through subitising, number bonds and simple addition/ subtraction. For the last two weeks of term they'll be looking at 3D shapes and being able to recognise and name them. They'll be identifying 3D shapes within the environment and continuing and making patterns.

Our Year 1 and 2 Maths focus will be on Money where they'll learn to recognise and understand the value of coins and notes. They'll understand how to make the same amounts with the different coins and learn how to give change from amounts. The focus for the end of the term will be on measuring length and height using centimetres and metres.

Class 1's PE sessions will continue to be on a TUESDAY AND FRIDAY.

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

Appropriate PE kit reminder:

Plain white T-shirt

Black shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings

Black plain jumper/ hoodie or school jumper.

Our PSHE focus this half term is **Healthy Me**. We'll be learning how to live a healthy lifestyle, thinking about the foods that we eat and being physically active. We'll also be looking at how to stay clean and understanding that germs cause and spread illness which will inform our learning about medicine safety.

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. Mrs Stevens posts these via Seesaw each week.

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— Each child will receive a homework challenge menu via Seesaw. 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 and the Class 1 team