

# Autumn Term Newsletter

## Class 1



Dear Parents,

First of all, a warm welcome to Class 1. I hope that you had a lovely summer holiday. I am really looking forward to the year ahead as we have many exciting things planned. This newsletter will tell you what the children will be learning this term in Class 1. I hope you find it informative and helpful.

### Topic

We will be continuing with the creative topics the children studied in Reception. This term our topic is 'A Magic Carpet Ride.' We learning about different countries around the world; their culture and way of life and comparing it to our own. The countries are Japan, Spain, Australia, Greenland and various countries in Africa.

If you have any contacts or family links to these countries, please let me know as it could support us in our learning.

### Literacy

In Literacy we will be looking at a variety of Fiction and Non-Fiction books. We will be learning how to write sentences and how to punctuate them correctly with capital letters and full stops. Your child will be writing and reading in a variety of different ways, including labels and captions, instructions, familiar stories, poetry and stories from different cultures.

Each week, the children will have chance to practice their handwriting in order to improve and develop the presentation of their work.

### RML

The children will also have 3 half an hour sessions of RML where they learn sounds and read as a small group. The children really enjoy these sessions. A cuddly toy is shared between the group and they may be bringing this home. If they do, it provides the children an opportunity to share with you the sounds that they have been learning and can play with the toy. If they do any work with the toy, they can bring this in to share with their group.

### Numeracy

The children will be practicing their numbers to 20 and beginning to learn the numbers to 100. We will be practicing counting forwards and backwards and beginning to understand addition and subtraction. To help at home, you could practice counting forwards and backwards with your child.

### Science

This half term we will be learning all about materials. We will be finding out about the properties of the materials and comparing them to each other. After half term our topic will be 'Light and Dark'. This will focus on night and day and sources of light. The children will be beginning to learn about how to investigate their ideas.

## **PE**

We will be continuing with the Leap into Life programme that the children started in Reception. Therefore we will be taking part in some physical activity 4 times a week. Therefore the children need their PE kits in school every day. If the children are unable to take part in PE, they must bring a letter in from home or speak to me in the morning. Please could you ensure that all the children's clothes and pumps have their name in. The children will also need to be able to take their own earrings out if they have them pierced or not wear earrings on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday as these are our PE days.

## **Reading and Homework**

The children will be reading in school on a Monday and a Friday. Please use the reading record to let me know how your child is reading at home. The children may need to read at others times in the week, therefore could you ensure that the children have their books in school everyday.

Each Friday the children will be given a piece of Literacy or Numeracy homework. Please support the children to complete this at home. If there are any problems with the homework, please do not hesitate to come and see me. I have included more details about homework in their homework folders.

## **Reminder**

It is very important that the children drink plenty of water during the day. Therefore I ask for the children to bring a fresh bottle of water to keep on their desk throughout the day. Sometimes, we can have little spills, therefore the children cannot have squash or fizzy drinks in the classroom.

Also the door to the playground will be kept locked until the bell has gone in the morning as we are concerned about the safety of the children if they are in school unsupervised. If you do have a query or a problem and need to speak to a member of staff please could you use the main entrance. If it is raining you are more than welcome to come into the classroom with your child as long as they are supervised until the bell rings.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am always available before and after school. You can also contact me via email:

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Thank your for your support,

Mrs L Ford