



## Welcome Back

Firstly, we would like to thank you for the support you have given in aiding the children's transition while starting school in their new class. They have all settled in beautifully and seem to have really enjoyed their first few days in Year 1. We would also like to thank you all for your understanding and support during this time with our alternative classroom arrangement. We are really pleased with our set up and hope that you will be too! You will get chance to have a look around during our Meet the Teachers night.

## R.E.

In RE our topics are Families and Belonging. We will be talking about our own families and how families show love for one another. We will also be recognising other ways we belong, such as our church family, school family and clubs that we are a part of.

## English

**Phonics and Early Reading:** In our Phonic sessions, Read, Write, Inc, we shall be learning sounds from Set 1 and 2. Please see our class Twitter page for regular video links of Virtual Classroom lessons on sounds, including spelling words with these sounds in them. These videos are designed for your child to watch, interact and learn from them independently once an adult has set it up for them. We assess children's reading each half term. This allows us to review groups regularly and move children around accordingly. Any additional reading or Phonic practice you can do at home will be great, to develop the fluency and confidence of your child's reading.

### Writing:

Literacy this half term begins with the story of the Three Little Pigs. We teach all of our literacy units

using Talk for Writing (Pie Corbett). The children will explore this tale using drama, sequencing and retelling of the story using actions. They will then change characters in the story to create their own version!

## Mathematics

This half term we will be looking at Numbers to 10, where the children will be sorting objects and counting them (up to 10), counting and writing numbers. We will also be learning more and less than. We will be learning number bond facts as well as addition and subtraction to 10.

## Science

This half term our topic is called '**Ourselves and Animals**'. The children will be learning about how animals are grouped (mammals, reptiles, birds, etc.) as well as how their diets differ. We learn what makes a carnivore, herbivore and omnivore and also the habitats of different animals. We will also be labelling the basic parts of the human body.

## Geography

During our Geography topic we will be looking at simple maps. The children will be learning how to use a key on a map, the directions of a compass and will be creating their own maps for an imaginary place.

## Design Technology

This half term in Design Technology our topic is **Flying Kites**. The children will be learning about what makes a kite, the shape and how it flies. They will be designing and making their own kites, then waiting for a windy day to test them outside!

## Reading

Children are expected to read for at least 10 minutes every day and the more often they read, the better! This includes reading to an adult. Children's reading should be recorded in their reading planner please. There are

lots of others useful resources in their planner too, so please take some time to have a good look through. Children will have their books changed on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. They are encouraged to read the same book three times to develop fluency, expression and comprehension, just like we do in class. Read, Write, Inc Books include lots of questions and activities to support

reading at home. Of course, children should also be encouraged to read more widely too, reading books that they have at home or from the library with an adult or independently. Class library books are changed every **Wednesday**. These will be issued to the children this half term.

## Morning Drop-off

The children have settled in lovely and are already in a great routine of lining up ready to come into class in the morning. We kindly ask that parents please do a quick drop-off in the morning, rather than wait with your child. This will help them with their independence. A member of staff will always be on duty on the playground during this time.

If you have any quick questions, please feel free to speak to either of us at the end of the school day, once all of the children have been dismissed. If, at that point, you feel you require a longer appointment, we can arrange a meeting via the school office (01773 822278). We are really looking forward to an exciting half term and a fun-filled year!

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Acton and the Year One Team

Dates for your diaries		
18.09.24	15:45 – 16:15	<b>Meet the Teacher Event (Session 1)</b>
	16:30 – 17:00	<b>Meet the Teacher Event (Session 1)</b> You are invited to come and meet us in the classroom to find out about the curriculum and routines in Year 1. You need only attend one of the above sessions as they are repeated. We will send out a copy of our presentation so do not worry if you cannot attend.
27.09.24	14:30 – 15:30	<b>Macmillan Coffee Afternoon</b> You are invited to join other parents and members of the school community to nibble, natter and raise money for the amazing work done by Macmillan Cancer Support. The children are invited to bring in cakes on this day to be sold and money to spend at the cake sale. We'll be holding a raffle too!
07.10.24	Ongoing	<b>Harvest Appeal Launches</b> Please begin to bring in donations for our Harvest Appeal. Donations will be sent to Hope for Belper Food and Community Hub. More information to follow.
18.10.24	All day	<b>Times Tables Rock Star Day</b> We will be holding our annual relaunch of TT Rock Stars. Children are invited to dress up as 'rock stars' on this day and we will be doing lots of maths and counting activities in class. Children should bring their PE kit to change into and ensure that they have appropriate footwear for their PE lesson.
23.10.24 24.10.24		<b>Parents' Consultation Evening</b> Please look out for details from the school office about booking appointments via School Cloud.
W.C. 28.10.24		<b>HALF TERM</b>