

## YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER SUMMER TERM 2015



Dear Parents/Carers

### Books

Please make sure that the children have their book folder in school every day. Books will be changed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The home link book is used for the parents/carers to record what book they are reading that night. It would be helpful if you could make a comment in the home link book on their reading and use the book to communicate with the Year 1 staff.

### Homework

On Friday we will continue to send home spellings. Spelling tests are conducted on the following Friday. The children's Brain Builder homework will also be sent out on Friday and they have until the following Thursday to hand it in. Please continue to help your child with this homework as much as possible. The homework will cover the different aspects of work we are covering that week so you will be able to find out what your child is learning.

### PE Kit

Children need a P.E. kit and trainers in school every week. The kit is a white T-shirt, navy shorts and a pair of trainers and socks. PE will be on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Please make sure all clothing is **named** and that their trainers fit properly.

This term the children will be covering the following areas of the curriculum:

### **English**

We will be reading fairy tales and writing our own versions. The children will also read a variety of texts including poems. We will also be learning about information writing. We will continue to practise handwriting and letter formation as well as phonics and spelling.

### **Maths**

We will be continuing to learn about numbers and will be counting and ordering numbers to 100 and higher. We will continue to practise addition, subtraction and place value (tens and units) and will be introducing multiplication. We will be problem solving with money, shapes and measures. We will be learning to recognise 2D and 3D shapes.

### **Science**

We will be continuing to learn about growing plants. Our new topic will be materials. We will be learning about where materials come from, how they are used and why. We will do experiments to test materials for their strength, warmth and water resistance.

### **History**

We will be learning about homes from the past right up to the present. We will compare houses, furniture, appliances and toys from the past to the present. Children will be invited to bring in old things of interest for show and tell.

### **I.C.T**

We will be investigating computer games from the past such as Pacman. We will be working with digital microphones and cameras as part of our creative topic. We will be introducing coding.

### **Art/DT**

There will be lots of exciting Art and DT this term. We will be making puppets. We will be making a variety of toys such as kites, spinning tops, paper dolls and more. We will be continuing to try different media (paint, collage, crayons) and will be looking at the work of different artists.

### **P.E**

We will be developing gymnastics skills as well as continuing our dance programme. Mr Raw will be taking the children for sports activities. They will be outside unless it is wet, so please be aware of the need for PE kits.

### **R.E**

We are investigating different religions this term as well as respect for all religions. We will be looking at how religions are celebrated in homes.

### **PSHE**

We will continue to develop self-esteem and responsibility. We will be learning to share and take turns. We will also look at how to develop a healthy and safe life-style. We will be continuing to set personal goals and learning to *Be The Best We Can Be*.

Your continued support is much appreciated. As always, we are available if you have any concerns. Please see us after school to discuss a mutually convenient time.

We are planning a history trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum as well as some shorter trips within the local area. Your support with these will be greatly appreciated.

Mr Huckerby

Miss Vermeer