

# Year 1 Autumn Term 1

## Curriculum Newsletter

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

A warm welcome to Year 1! We hope you had a great summer and are looking forward to the new school year. We have a very committed and enthusiastic Year 1 team who work together to achieve the best for your children and to make this a very happy and memorable year of school. We would like to introduce you to the class teams:

**Mole Class:** Class Teacher Mrs Smith, Teaching Assistant Mr Segun.

**Rabbit Class:** Class Teacher Mrs Kennedy, Teaching Assistants Mrs Sweetnam and Mrs Chadwick.

**Owl Class:** Class Teachers Miss Prior and Mrs Arnott, Teaching Assistant Mrs Powell.

### Curriculum

We have been delighted to see the children so enthusiastic in coming into school and so settled in their new classes with friends from Year R and new friends too. Our topic this half term is **Superheroes!** Last year this topic really engaged the children's imaginations and provided a great starting point for creative work. In discovery the children will be learning the skills to write a letter requesting help from a superhero. They will also be learning about Grace Darling and writing poetry about the ocean. In phonics they will be learning to read and write words with phase 5 sounds.



In mathematics they will be learning to count to and across 100, forward and backwards from any given number. They will also be learning to read and write numbers in numerals and words to 20. To support your child at home you may wish to practise writing their numbers to 20 as they can often reverse digits. In science the children will be learning about forces and exploring different pushes and pulls.

As part of our work on Superheroes, the children will be designing a logo for their own unique superhero. The logos will then be used to decorate a T-shirt. We would be grateful if you could provide your child with a plain white T-shirt (old or new) by **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September**. If you have any difficulty with this, please see your child's teacher.



PE sessions will take place every Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit, including plimsolls or trainers, in school each week and that all clothing is clearly named.

### Library

Library times are as follows:

**Mole Class - Thursday   Rabbit Class - Wednesday   Owl Class - Friday**

Your child will need to have their library books available on these days to be able to change them regularly.



### Reading books

We are very impressed with how quickly the children have settled into Year 1. To continue to develop your child's independence, we ask you to encourage your child to come into class by themselves in the morning. We would also like your child to change their own reading book as soon as they feel happy to do so, from the correct colour band box in their class. Please ensure that book bags are brought into school every day with both the reading scheme book and the reading record book as both may be required for reading or phonic activities each day.

### Celebration event

On **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October** we are inviting the children to **dress up** as Superheroes to celebrate the end of our topic. The children will be invited to bring their home learning activity to school with them on this day, to share with their friends. There will also be a **Celebration Event** of the children's Superheroes work, later in the day at **2:50pm** in your child's classroom. Please come along if you can!

### Home learning

For your child's home learning we would like your child to create a simple superhero comic strip. Please see the attached letter for more information. We ask for this to be handed in by **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October**.

### Parental support



The Year 1 team recognises how valuable parental support is to children's learning and the school community. We are always extremely grateful for any additional time that parents are willing to give to the school. If you are interested in sharing books with children, teaching them some basic cookery skills, or working within the class on a regular basis to support groups of children in their activities, please talk to your child's teacher. We ask that you are able to make a regular commitment to help, and understand that we allow children a settling time until after half term before we will invite volunteers in to classes.

Yours sincerely

Year 1 team

Miss Prior, Mrs Arnott, Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Smith.