



Welcome to Year 1!

September 2011

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 1 pupils,

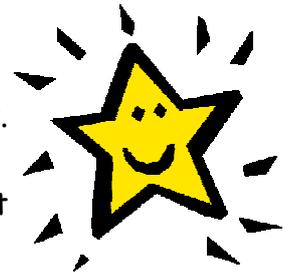
Firstly I would like to take the opportunity to say what an excellent start Class 1 has made to the new school year. All children have made a very positive start to the term and have settled into their learning.

Throughout the year I will be out of the classroom on Monday. On this day I will be working on Planning and Preparation and Assessment for Class 1 (PPA). The class will be taught by Miss Richards. Miss Richards and I will be in constant communication to ensure consistency within the classroom.

Literacy

In Literacy this term we will be reading and writing stories with familiar settings and also writing senses poems.

Our focus will be on children using their sounds to help spell words. There will be a very big emphasis on trying to get our children to remember capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. Any support with this would be valuable if your child writes at home.



Numeracy



Throughout our numeracy lessons we will be working on basic number work including counting, reading and writing numbers correctly, number bonds to 10, doubles to 20 and adding and subtracting numbers to 20. In addition to this we will also be naming, sorting and describing shapes.

Theme learning

During the year Class One will study six different theme learning topics. The first half term up until the October break will be about 'Marvellous Me'. Some of the areas covered will be:

- ❖ All about our bodies
- ❖ Changes in our lives
- ❖ Self portraits

Reading books and bear words



All children will be given a school book this week which they are expected to take home every day and return to school the following day. Please try to find time to read with your child daily, as confidence with reading enhances all areas of their learning. School books will be changed at least once a week.

We will also be sending the children home with 'bear words' weekly, these are the first words that children need to learn to read and write. Please take the time to help your child learn to read and spell these words each week. Every child will start on Word card 1 and move onto the next card when they get all the spellings right.

P.E

P.E. will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. All children will need to bring the school PE kit of a white top and navy shorts in a PE bag that can be left at school.

Finally I would like to say that you are welcome to come and talk to me about any queries or concerns you have. Please just let me know at the door at 3.30pm that you need to have a chat and we can arrange a convenient time.

All children will be given a school diary which they are expected to take home every day and bring back to school the next day. This is a good way to communicate with me, particularly if you don't collect your child at the end of the day. You could also phone for a convenient appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Slight
Class 1 teacher

Mrs P. Vladev
Head Teacher

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