

## Year 1 – Term 1 2018

Welcome to Year 1. We are all looking forward to an exciting year. We have lots of interesting activities for the children this term, under our first themes of 'This is Me' and 'We are Britain'. To ease the transition from the Foundation Stage to Year 1, we will continue to provide opportunities for children to develop independent learning skills through focused play and a variety of activities.

In English, we will be looking at a variety of stories with familiar settings. The children will be describing settings and characters and will write their own story using repetitive structures. They will also explore poems, looking at our senses. We will also focus on the development of phonic and handwriting skills.

In maths we will be covering basic skills in counting, reading, writing and ordering numbers and we will be developing the children's understanding of addition. Please practise counting forwards and backwards with your child, counting small collections of objects accurately and writing numbers with careful formation.

In computing, the children will be using a coding program to explore algorithms and create their own simple games.

There will be plenty of opportunity for the children to put their creative skills to good use, as they explore different collage techniques. Beginning with ourselves then moving onto famous landmarks of Great Britain.

### **Summer homework**

- ***For the first day back, please bring your 'Family Ice Cream' in – see below for the explanation and example. Draw your own style ice-cream!***
- ***For the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> September, please send in a copy of a photograph of your child as baby.***
- ***For the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> September; to help your child create a personalised collage, please send a collection of images in an envelope for your child to use. These images may be from magazines or photographs from holidays, family or pets etc. For example, if your child likes swimming they may want to include pictures of swimmers, water, armbands etc. These pictures will be cut up to collage so please only send copies rather than originals.***

***Please continue to support your child with reading at home at least five times a week.***

Children who read this often will be given a sticker / stamp in their reading diaries.

Show and tell will usually be fortnightly on a Tuesday. Children may bring one small item to talk about in a named carrier bag.

Themes are:

September 11th – A favourite story book – please encourage your child to be able to talk about where the story is set.

September 25th – Something about their Grandparent (or other family member) from when they were a child – eg a photo, toy, music, book etc.

October 9th – Free choice

Please could all children have their P.E. kit in school at all times including plimsolls / trainers and track suit top and bottoms for colder weather. Please remember to name all items of clothing.

Children are encouraged to bring in a bottle of water each day. Please make sure bottles are named and have a sports cap to prevent spillages.

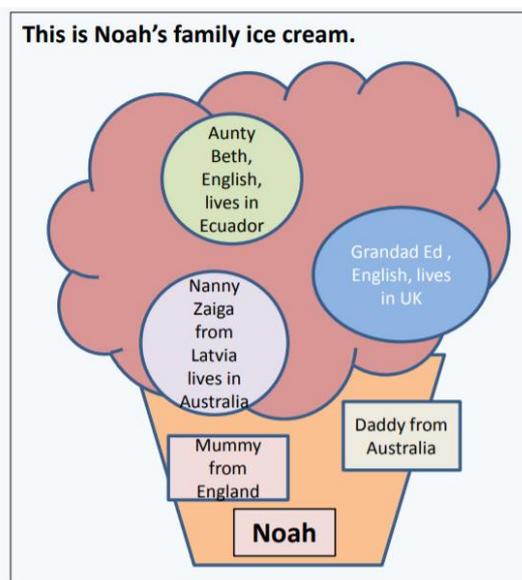
You can find this information and each term's notes on our school website.

<http://www.thrapston-primary.northants.sch.uk/>

We would be extremely grateful if anyone would like to volunteer to support the children in school. Please see Lisa in the office about a DBS check and speak to your child's class teacher.

If you have any concerns or issues that you would like to discuss, please come and talk to us, preferably after school.

Year 1 team.



**Think of yourself as an ice cream!**

**Write your name at the bottom of the cone, add your parents and/or carers to the cone as well. And add where they come from.**

**Now, add the toppings – any relations who are important to you, who add to your family's 'flavour'!**