

Year 1 – Term 1 2021

Welcome to Year 1. The team hope you all had a restful Summer and We are really looking forward to an exciting year of learning. We have lots of interesting activities for the children this term, under our first themes of 'Our past' and 'Our Bodies and senses'. In English, we will be looking at instructions, labelling and captions, as well as traditional narratives to develop our sentence writing. We will continue to work on our phonics through regular sessions, focussing on blending and segmenting real and nonsense words, for reading and writing.

Please continue to support your child with reading at home, at least five times a week. We will check reads weekly, on a Friday, and children will be given a raffle ticket, if they read five times in a week. We will communicate with yourselves through the Home Reading Record, so please check your child's Home Reading Record regularly throughout the week – please watch out for learning stickers as these will have information on about reading targets, any homework e.g. spelling practise and results. The Home Reading Record will only be handled by staff once a week, on a Friday.

In Maths, we will begin to focus on number formation and ordering up to 20 as well as creating number stories. The children will be taught place value of digits including tens and ones. This will also include counting on one more or one less from given number with in 20. Children will be taught how to use the greater than, less than and equals symbols. Please practise ordering numbers and number bonds to 10 and or 20 with your child to help with their mental maths development. As the children have had such a long time away from school, this term, we will work through 'ready to progress' objectives to ensure that no learning is missed.

Our Science topic of 'Our Bodies and senses' will cover identifying, naming and labelling different parts of our bodies including our facial features. We will also be exploring our senses and how they work. We will be carrying out a number of investigations using scientific vocabulary and developing questioning skills.

We will be learning about the history of our past from living memory to the present. Comparing toys, transport and technology from when our parents and Grandparents were children. We will be exploring artefacts from the past and identifying how old they are, how they were used and why things from the past are different or similar today.

On PE Days, please can children come to school in their PE kit – this should be weather appropriate, and will limit time spent changing.

Bumblebee Class: Tuesday and Thursday.

Dragonfly Class: Tuesday and Thursday.

Ladybird Class: Monday and Friday.

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

We aim to communicate with your through our year group blog, and if appropriate, messages on classroom windows. 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.