

Foundation and Key Stage 1 Class Letter
Autumn Term 2019



Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a lovely summer break with lots of fun and family time and we would like to welcome everybody back to the start of our new Autumn Term. We are all looking forward to starting the new term with the topic 'Minibeasts'.

For those who are new to KS1 Class, there are four members of staff:

Class Teachers - Mrs Hancock (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning).
Mrs Candy (Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday).
Teaching Assistants - Mrs Kirkman (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday).
Mrs Faulk (Thursday and Friday).

Reading

We aim to hear your child read twice a week. We will record this in your child's Reading Record. Reading is a fundamental skill and we strongly encourage parents to hear their children read as often as possible. Please comment on what reading has been done at home. Feel free to note down any comments about how you feel your child is progressing. We would recommend that you spend at least 5 minutes a day reading with your child.

Phonics

The teaching of phonics is an important part of learning to read, write and spell. It develops children's ability to hear, identify, and play with phonemes (sounds). The sounds are taught in a multi-sensory way; kinesthetic, auditory and visual. Phonic cards will be sent home regularly for Reception children to practise sounds learnt in school. It is important that these sounds are practised daily at home.

Clothing

Please ensure that all items of clothing and footwear are clearly labelled. Often many items look identical and we cannot ensure their safe return if they have not been named.

Wellie Walks/Allotment visits

We will be starting our wellie walks and visits to the allotments on alternate weeks this term. It is essential that all KS1 children have a named pair of wellies and a suitable coat.

Snacks and Milk

Snacks and milk will continue to be available for all KS1 children. If your child would like to have milk we would ask you to register and pay online (Children under 5 still need to be registered to get their free milk). Please see Miss Johns or Mrs Law for more information.

Spellings and Homework

Spellings for Year 1 start this term. Spellings will be given each Friday and tested the following Friday.

P.E. Kit

PE lessons take place Wednesday afternoons in KS1. If PE kits go home to be washed, please ensure they are returned Monday morning. There may be some lessons outdoors this term and we suggest that your child also has joggers, a warm top and trainers for these sessions. Please ensure that all PE kit is named.

Water

We always encourage children to bring a named bottle of water to school each day. Please ensure that this is only water, as we are promoting the 'Healthy Schools' initiative.

We extend a warm welcome to all parents visiting our classroom, both before and after school. Please note that after school is a more suitable time for longer consultations, as mornings are generally very busy. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mrs. Hancock, Mrs Candy, Mrs. Kirkman and Mrs Faulk.