

Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 8th March 2019

Dear Parent / Carer,

In Literacy this week, we have written our own page for an information book about Year 1. Most children are now remembering to use capital letters and full stops in the correct places but this is something that they need to practise regularly. Next week, we will be writing recounts about experiences that the children will have had at school. We will focus on using 'time openers' to start our sentences e.g. First, Next, Then, After that, Finally. We will also focus on writing in the past tense and which verb to use, for example: *walk* becomes *walked* or *play* becomes *played*.

In Numeracy, we have focused on adding a single digit to a 2-digit number using jottings, number grids and mental strategies. Please help your child with this by encouraging them to put the biggest number in their head and add on the smaller number on their fingers. Next week, we will be focusing on mass. Using scales, we will be weighing classroom items and ingredients for a recipe.

This week in CCL, we have looked at how to use maps, plans and simple keys to locate things. The children have all created their own plan for a circus and given reasons why they have chosen to place features next to each other.

This week, your child has brought home a sheet that shows which graphemes they can/cannot recognise and which of the tricky star words they can/cannot read. The Phonics Check which takes place in June will be testing the children on their ability to recognise the graphemes and read them within real and 'alien' words. Please help your child to learn any that they do not know. Over the coming weeks, we will be sending home more information about the Phonics Check, including some example words.

Dates for your Diary

Open Door sessions starting at 2.40pm until the end of the school day:

Wednesday 3rd April

Thursday 9th May

Monday 24th June

Trips - more information will follow closer to the time but there is no cost to parents/carers:

Wednesday 10th April – Kershaw's Garden Centre

Wednesday 5th June – Shibden Hall, Halifax

Many Thanks
Year One team