

## Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Dear Parent / Carer,

Thank you to everyone that came to our Open Door session on Thursday.

In Literacy this week, we have written our own version of the 'Noah's Ark Adventure' Oxford Reading Tree story. We are now going to build up to writing our own magic key story that will be set under water. If you have the opportunity to look at any pictures of sea creatures, ship wrecks, or any life under the sea with your child, this will help them to describe the setting.

In Numeracy, we have focused on bonds to 10 and 20 (pairs of numbers that make 20). The children need to learn these number facts so that they can instantly recall them. Next week, we will revisit multiplication. The children will be given a times tables passport and will be expected to know the multiplication and division facts for the 2 times table by the end of Year 1. They will keep the passport until Year 6 to track which times tables they know and which ones they are working on next.

This week in Science, we have looked at the diet of animals and talked about whether they are omnivores, herbivores or carnivores.

In indoor PE, we have started a new unit on gymnastics. The children have been exploring different ways to move around the apparatus. In outdoor PE, we are preparing for our Sports' Day which will take place on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 9.15am – more details will follow closer to the time.

Next week, we will begin our new topic, 'Buildings', by finding out about types and styles of houses. We will also learn about the ways in which homes are adapted to suit different climates around the world. To help us to discuss and explore the types and features of buildings, it would be fantastic if the children could bring a photo of their own home so we can add it to a class display.

We will start our topic with an Art element and we will be focusing on the creative work of Dutch architect **Fredrik Hundertwasser**. This will involve designing and creating our own buildings in a similar style. Therefore, we would be grateful if your child could bring a cardboard box (e.g. a cereal box) covered with white paper so it is ready to paint. These need to be brought to school by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Dates for your Diary**

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

Monday 24th June

### **Trips**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Shibden Hall, Halifax

Many thanks  
Year One team