

## Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parent / Carer,

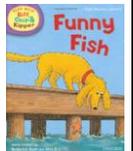
Welcome back! We hope you've all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. The children have settled in well and are learning the Year One routines quickly. Thank you very much for the photographs, postcards and information that the children brought in from visits during the Summer. We have already had great fun looking at these.



During the course of the half term, our **CCL** (cross curricular learning) topic will be **Holidays**. We began the topic by looking at the postcards lots of you had sent in and discussed where in the world they had come from. Next week, we will use maps to locate the places that we visited during the summer holidays. The children will be encouraged to talk about buildings and landmarks that they saw and activities that they did.

During Literacy lessons, we have been recapping the Phase 2 alphabet sounds and the 'Friendly Letters': ff, ll, zz, ss, ck, qu. We had an exciting discovery too! We found a bear and his suitcase outside our classroom doors. We have chosen names for the bears and they are going to become our class Reading Bears. The children will take it in turns to take their class bear home so that they can read to them. The bear has its own Reading Diary so that we can see what books have been read to it. When it is your turn to look after the bear for the weekend, please write in the Reading Journal the title and the author of any books that you or your child have read with the bear. If you would like to take photos of your child reading to the bear, please feel free to do so and then email them to school so that we can have a look in class.

This week, your child has been given a reading book from the school scheme. In order to ensure confidence, fluency and comprehension are well established, some children may be re-reading books from a lower stage at this early point in the school year. Please could we request that reading books are brought into school each day, even if they are not ready to be changed. We encourage you to add comments and initial the title when you have read the book at home.



In Numeracy, we have been reading, writing and ordering numbers. Using numbers to 20, we have found different ways to represent a number through counters, objects, jottings and written digits. We have also been grouping and sorting classroom items based on different criteria and identifying which group has the largest amount. Next week, we will continue to work within 20 finding one more and one less than a number and use these facts to solve problems.



On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 1V will swim and on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 1E will swim. From 24<sup>th</sup> September onwards, both classes will swim each Tuesday. Mrs Cripwell is the Year 1 swimming teacher. On swimming days, the children will need swimming shorts/trunks/costume and a towel. Children with long hair will need a swimming hat. Armbands are not needed, as school provides them. Please could we request that all items of clothing and swimming kits are clearly labelled with your child's name, in order to ensure that lost items can be returned. On swimming days, girls often find it easier to wear socks, rather than tights. If your child has a verruca, they will not be allowed to swim unless they bring a verruca sock to wear. If your child wears earrings, they must be removed for swimming. School staff are not allowed to remove a child's earrings so please do this at home before school.

1E have indoor PE on Fridays and 1V have indoor PE on Wednesdays, both classes will do outdoor PE on Thursdays. As the weather can be very changeable, children will need a plain, dark coloured tracksuit, as well as the usual indoor kit (white T-shirt, blue shorts, black pumps). Trainers are also needed for outdoor PE.

The Orange Home/School link books will continue to be used in Y1 for any messages. However, if you need to share an urgent message that needs to be passed onto your child's teacher at the start of the school day, please see Mrs Brook in the playground before school or phone and leave a message with Mrs Knowles or Mrs Dooley in the school office.

We look forward to an exciting and enjoyable year working with you.

Many Thanks

Year 1 Team

### **Introducing Vinny and Eddie, Our Reading Bears:**

