

Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 13th September 2019

Dear Parent / Carer,

As it is Roald Dahl's birthday today, we have spent the week reading our class reading book: 'The Giraffe, The Pelly and Me' and completing activities related to the book. We tried different sweets and talked about the flavours that we could taste and what might happen to us when we eat them, if we were in one of Roald Dahl's stories! The children then designed their own sweets and a wrapper to go on them. We had some that turn you into a mermaid and others that make you breathe fire like a dragon! Next week, we are going to read the book 'Peter's Pebbles' by Cherie Zamazing. We will be painting our own pebbles and writing about what animal they are going to turn into.

Throughout Year 1, we will focus on teaching the children to write using a 'high five' sentence (1. Capital letters 2. Finger spaces 3. Full-stops 4. Makes sense 5. Neat school handwriting). These important 5 aspects are the Year 1 Autumn writing targets. There is a copy of this on your child's Home Learning folder (see end of letter).

In Numeracy this week, we have been counting, representing and ordering numbers. Next week, we will continue our work on locating one more and one less than a given number using a number line and objects.

This week, our CCL work has been Geography based. We used maps to locate and discuss places that we visited during the summer holidays. The children have been encouraged to talk about buildings and landmarks that they saw and activities that they did. Next week, we will be learning about the different countries and flags of the UK.

This week, 1V thoroughly enjoyed their first swimming lesson! On Tuesday 17th September, 1E will swim and both classes will then swim from Tuesday 24th September onwards.

Today we have sent each child home with their 'Home Learning' folders. This is the system we use in Year 1 for homework. We recommend that you take the time to help your child complete as much of it as they can, as it helps to consolidate what has been taught in class. The Word Box part of the Home Learning sheet is similar to the Reception word lists; your child needs to be able to read each word. If they find this very easy, please encourage them to practise spelling the words too. New Home Learning will be sent out on a Friday and will be checked by a school adult on Tuesday.

Our first Open Door will be on Thursday 17th October at 2:40 – 3:00pm after which you will be able to collect your child from the KS1 playground as normal. Open Door sessions are once per half term in Year 1 and we try to vary the days so that most parents can make at least one session.

Important Dates for your Diaries:

Tuesday 1st and Thursday 3rd October – Parent/Teacher Consultations

Thursday 17th October – Open Door session 2.40pm

Thursday 14th November – Y1 Phonics Information evening for parents 6.00 – 6.30pm

Many Thanks
Year One team