

## Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

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 Phonics lessons, we have been recapping the Phase 2 alphabet sounds and the 'Friendly Letters': ff, ll, zz, ss, ck, qu.

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 Maths, we have been reading, writing and ordering numbers to 20. 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 be finding different ways to represent a number through counters, objects, jottings and written digits.



On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 1V will swim and on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 1H will swim. From 28<sup>th</sup> September onwards, both classes will swim each Tuesday. Mrs Sutcliffe 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.

1H 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.

Please find attached a form to give your consent for your child to be assisted by staff with intimate care e.g. changing wet clothes, soiling, toileting. The full Intimate Care Policy can be found on the school website. Please read, sign and return the form with your child as soon as possible.

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 phone and leave a message with Mrs Dooley in the school office.

Many Thanks  
Miss Vine and Miss Hepworth