

## Year 1 Newsletter

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 they saw and activities they did.

During Phonics lessons, we have been recapping the Phase 3 phonemes. Our tricky words for the week have been: no, go, so, my, by, to, into, out, the. These are the words the children need to be able to sight read. An overview of the phonics taught each week will be sent home each Friday in your child's Home Learning folder.

In Maths, we have been finding ways to group and sort items based on different criteria. Next week, we will be finding different ways to represent a number through counters, objects, jottings and written digits.

On Monday, your child will be given a reading book from the Little Wandle Scheme. In order to ensure confidence, fluency and comprehension are well established, it is important this book is read at home daily. Your child's reading book must be brought to school every day, to enable them to read their book as part of the group reading sessions.



On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 1H will swim and on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 1N will swim. From 26<sup>th</sup> September onwards, both classes will swim each Monday. 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 PE/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.

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. The spellings in the Home Learning folder will be tested every week, both classes will be tested on a Friday. New Home Learning will be sent out at the end of the week and once returned checked by a school adult the following week.

The Home/School link books (Orange or Blue) 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 the school office.

Many Thanks

Miss Hepworth and Miss Nicholson