

## Year 1 Newsletter

30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parent / Carer,

In Phonics, we have started to introduce some of the Phase 5 alternative spelling patterns. This week, we have learnt 'ay' as in play, 'ou' as in cloud, 'oy' as in boy and 'ea' as in sea. Please keep practising these sounds at home to help your child when reading and spelling words containing these sounds. Our tricky words for the week have been: said, says, you, do, like, little.

During Maths lessons this week, we have been finding one more and one less than a number and showing this in lots of different ways. We have also started to compare numbers using the language of fewer than, greater than and equal to. Next week, we will continue with this and introduce the inequality symbols (e.g.  $4 > 1$  or  $7 < 9$ ).



Art has been the focus of CCL this week. We have identified Primary colours (red, yellow, blue) and began to explore what happens when you mix these together. Next week, we will be looking at the artist Georges Seurat who used a technique called Pointillism (lots of small dots to create a picture). The children will use this technique to create a dotty ice cream painting using cotton buds, lollipop sticks, pieces of dowel and their fingers.

In Computing, we have learnt how to search for different activities on Purple Mash. We all found 2Paint, created a picture and saved our own work. We were very impressed with the children's determination to complete this activity independently.

We have been very impressed by the number of children accessing last week's Purple Mash 2do. Please note, Home Learning will be collected in on a Thursday with new Home Learning being issued on a Friday.

We really appreciate your support with helping your child to read. In Year 1, we recommend that your child reads with you every day in order to help them make good progress in their reading. Please initial the reading diary each time your child has read their Little Wandle reading book.

This week in Year 1, we have introduced a reading challenge called 'The 50-Book Challenge'. Children are encouraged to choose a book from the 50-book box each week. It will be signed out of school when they take it and signed back in when they return it. This challenge continues throughout your child's time at Woodhouse, with books changing to ensure they are age appropriate. In the front of their reading diaries there is a sheet for the children to keep track of which books they have read by ticking each one once read. This book is in addition to the Little Wandle reading scheme book and is for your child to enjoy with an adult.

### **Dates for your diary:**

**Open Door 1H- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Open Door 1N- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October.**

Many Thanks  
Miss Hepworth and Miss Nicholson