

## Welcome to Class 1!



### Class 1 Staff

The staff working in Class 1 this term are; Mrs Peckett (EYFS leader), Mrs McClennan (Nursery nurse) and Mrs Plews (teaching assistant). We have many additional adults who we will be happy to introduce you to!

We have an open door policy and we are **always** happy to speak to parents and carers!

### Areas of Learning

In **Mathematics** we will be learning to count to 20 reliably and recognise the corresponding numerals. We will consolidate finding numbers that are one more or less than a given number, before moving on to simple addition and subtraction.

In **Literacy** we will be sharing fiction and non-fiction books connected with our topic. We will use our phonic knowledge to decode unfamiliar words, and read simple irregular words on sight. Our regular writing sessions will focus on using our phonic skills to write simple words and sentences independently.

In **Expressive Arts & Design** we will be using a variety of media to make owl models, shadow puppets and sunset pictures. We will be singing songs and learning how to control un-tuned instruments to create musical effects.

In **Understanding the World** we will be learning about nocturnal animals and people who work at night. We will explore sources of light and how shadows are made. We will investigate how seed growth is linked with light.

In **Physical Development** we will be focus on showing control and co-ordination in our games and gymnastics sessions. We will also work on dressing and undressing independently for PE, and holding our pencils correctly and comfortably.

In **Communication & Language** we will focus on sitting quietly and maintaining attention for longer periods of time. To develop our understanding, we will work on following a sequence of two or more instructions. To improve our speaking skills, we will learn by heart some rhymes and short narratives which we can reproduce in our play.

In **Personal, Social & Emotional** development we continue to demonstrate friendly behaviour, initiate conversations and form good relationships with peers and familiar adults. We will select and use activities and resources with help and begin to accept the needs of others. We will show that we can take turns and share resources.

### Notices/Requests

Please can you remember to ensure that your child has their full PE kits on Thursdays.  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February is an INSET day and school will not be open to children.

### Homework Activities

Homework will be sent home weekly. Encourage children to read their school reading book at home. Practice sight vocabulary flashcards. Some children may receive number flashcards to practice their number recognition.

### Special Events

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – whole school open morning

6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> February – Book Fair

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February – parents invited to achievement assembly

### Let's Celebrate!

In Class 1 we have various ways we celebrate your children's achievements.

Golden bear keeps watch all week to look for special achievers!

On Friday mornings we invite all parents to take part in our Golden Bear celebration!

