

Welcome to Class 1



Class 1 Staff

The staff working in Class 1 are; Mrs Peckett (EYFS leader), Mrs McClennan (Nursery nurse) and Mrs Plews (teaching assistant). We are fortunate to have several other adults who kindly give up their time to help children with their learning.

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 solving problems, involving doubling, halving and sharing. We will be exploring the characteristics of shapes, learning their names and using mathematical language to describe them. We will be doing lots of measuring, including length, weight, capacity and time.

In **Literacy** we will be sharing two classic children's fiction books – Where the Wild Things Are and The Gruffalo. Later we will be reading stories and non-fiction books about dinosaurs. As always we will practise using our phonic knowledge to decode unfamiliar words, and read simple irregular words on sight. Our writing sessions will focus on using our phonic skills to write simple words and sentences independently.

In **Expressive Arts & Design** we will be using the woodland to re-enact the stories we are enjoying. We will be drawing maps, painting large scale pictures and inventing dances in connection with our stories.

In **Understanding the World** we will be exploring sound and hearing, and floating and sinking. We will be hunting for Wild Things and Gruffaloes in the woodland.

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

In **Communication & Language** we will be using puppets to re-tell our chosen stories. We will be learning new vocabulary related to dinosaurs and will transform ourselves into superheroes in role play. We will continue to work on following a sequence of instructions.

In **Personal, Social & Emotional** development we will be thinking about how we are similar and different from each other and how everyone has talents and special gifts. We will think about the feelings of characters in stories and how conflicts could be resolved. We will learn about the importance of being kind and consider what qualities are needed to be a superhero.

Notices/Requests

This term, PE will be on Fridays. UFS children will need their full PE kit on that day. Baking/cooking, food tasting and dough play are an important part of the Early Years curriculum. However, these activities are quite expensive at a time when school budgets are restricted. We would like to invite you to make a donation of 50p per week to ensure that we can continue to provide all the resources needed. Thank you to those parents who are already donating weekly.

Homework Activities

Daily reading practice is the most vital homework. Children read individually in school at least twice per week with an adult but the greatest success is achieved when they read at home (book or words) for 5-10 minutes daily with their parents. Please sign the reading diary when your child has read as it is very helpful to hear your views and comments. If you have any questions, please ask. Other types of homework will be sent home on Fridays for return by the following Thursday.

Let's Celebrate

In Class 1 we have various ways to 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.

Special Events This Term

Friday 10th May – Sunflower Competition Day – bring your plant or a photo and measurements

Friday 24th May – parents are invited to our Achievement Assembly (9.10am)

Tuesday 25th June – Transition Evening

Friday 28th June – Sports Day

Friday 12 July – parents are invited to our Achievement Assembly (9.10am)