

## **Year 1 Curriculum Letter**

### **September 2020**

Hello and welcome to Year 1. Due to the current situation we are unable to hold our usual curriculum meetings so hopefully this will tell you all you need to know about life in Year 1.

#### **Staff**

Class 3 – Miss Hammond

Class 4 – Miss McDonald

LSAs – Mrs George, Mrs Griffiths, Mrs Tucker

#### **Timetable**

Every morning we will do phonics, guided reading, maths and English. In the afternoons we cover the foundation subjects (history, geography, RE, PHSE, PE, music, art, D&T and computing). The afternoons will be different each week to keep the curriculum fun and engaging.

#### **PE**

Monday and Friday afternoons, please send your child to school in their PE kit.

#### **Reading**

Your child will choose 5 books from their book band colour on a Monday to keep in their drawer. They will take one book home at a time. The books will then be quarantined over the weekend. Please fill in and send in the reading record every day. Year 1 is such a critical age for reading as we move through all the phonic sounds and introduce more tricky troll words, so daily reading at home is essential to practice these skills.

#### **Phonics**

The children will undertake the national phonic screening check in June. We will be doing phonics every morning starting with phase 3 and moving to phase 5. The children will become very familiar with how the check works and will be used to reading the normal words and alien words. We will be sending the phonic sounds home soon as you can practice these with your child alongside reading.

#### **Home Learning**

We will be sending out your child's login information for Mathletics and ReadiWriter over the next few weeks. These are great platforms to help children develop their maths and spelling. We will be presenting certificates and awarding house points every Friday.

We will be sharing the login information for Busy Things. This is a fantastic website full of games and activities that are specific to each year group.

Phonics bloom also has some fantastic games to help support the childrens developing phonic knowledge.

We will also be sending out a half termly homework menu, unfortunately the children will not be able to bring in their work but we will be asking you to email us with photographs of the work the children do.

**Classroom**

Please make sure that your child brings a water bottle to school every day. They will need a hat on sunny days and a coat for when it rains or gets colder. We have fresh fruit and vegetables each day for the children to have as a snack at break time. Please make sure that you send in the orange communication book every day. If you would like your child to have a drink of milk each day please contact the office.

Kind regards

Miss Hammond and Miss McDonald