

## Class One Newsletter

We hope that you have all had a really lovely summer having lots of fun building sandcastles. Miss Rushmer and all the team are so excited to welcome you to Class 1. We are looking forward to working with you all to help your children grow in confidence, be independent learners and enjoy every moment of their time in Class 1.

This newsletter will give you a brief outline of what we will be up to in class this term. If there is anything you need to know just come and ask. After school is the best time to catch Miss Rushmer as mornings can be very bit busy!

### **What will we be learning about this term?**

Here is a brief summary of some of the things the children will be learning about this term; inside you will also find a topic overview.



**Literacy**  
The children will be following the National Curriculum objectives relating to their age and ability. As part of our literacy we will work with a wide range of texts that include fiction, non-fiction and poetry. Our work will link wherever possible to our school topic Houses and Homes.



**Reading**  
Reading in school will be done through guided reading, although there will still be some individual reading; the books are colour banded. The children in Reception will have their home/school reading book changed by a member of staff, those children in Year 1 will independently select their own reading book. When necessary those children in Year 1 will change their book as they enter school in a morning. Remember it is important to read with your child at home, this is quality time together and will help support your child in learning new words and reading with fluency and expression.

As your child continues to progress they will increasingly come upon vocabulary that will need explaining. This time is ideal for you to check that they understand what they have read.



### **Maths**

As in Literacy, the children will follow objectives from the National Curriculum relating to their age and ability. We will be focusing on the **SMIRFS**, more information about these will be sent home this half-term. You can help your child at home by carrying out some of the activities on the sheet. We will also be covering place value, calculation, shape, measuring and handling data.



### **Topic 'Houses and Homes'**

Through our main topic we will be covering all aspects of the curriculum. In Year 1 this includes science, computing, art and design, history and geography. We will be guided in our teaching by pupil interests linked to the topic which will enable and enhance their learning experiences. For those children in Reception we will be guided by the early years curriculum and look closely at the curriculum areas of our world, expressive arts and design, technology and people and communities.



### **PE**

In Year 1 our PE days this term are **Monday and Thursday**. It is useful if your child keeps their PE kit in school just in case we get any extra sessions or have to change our day. We will be going out for some sessions so make sure they have suitable clothing for inside and out. Those children in Reception will have the opportunity to access outdoor learning throughout the day and will need waterproof clothing and wellies, especially for our forest school learning.