



Class One Newsletter - Autumn 2017



Welcome back, or welcome, to Class One! I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday and made the most of the sunshine! It is lovely to see everyone again and all of the children have come in happy, settled and ready to begin our fabulous new Big Idea of 'Good To Be Me!'

Our areas of provision for all ages are fully set up - this year we have our new 'Learning Pod' as well as our outdoor area and classroom. We will make the most of these, and ensure we are outside as much as possible whilst the weather is warm enough! Please note that both teachers will be in class every morning so that all the children have the opportunity to work with us both. Miss A will teach every afternoon apart from Tuesday when Mrs Issitt takes over! ☺

Most mornings Year One and Year Two children will work predominantly on Maths and English, including key number skills, handwriting, phonics and spellings. Our Reception children will 'free flow' and Get Busy in areas of provision, with short adult led sessions for Maths and Phonics, as well as adult initiated learning based on the children's interests. Our afternoons are as busy as ever, with lots of creative art, music, PE, PSHCE and Science planned. Our Science work is all about the human body and the senses, our RE topic is Key Figures and Founders, our PSHCE is My Ideas and Feelings, and in PE we are swimming on Friday afternoons and having weekly dance or gym sessions either in school or in the village hall. Please could you ensure that your child has an indoor PE kit in school all week? Thank you.

Year 1 and Year 2 Homework

Spellings (that we have covered in class) will be handed out every Wednesday. These can be practised in any way you like - writing them in sentences, writing the words in different colours, using empty washing up liquid bottles to squirt the words outside, playing games such as hangman. Every Monday morning we will have a Spelling Quiz, after which children will bring their books home so that you can see how they have got on. Spellings will be a mixture of phonics patterns and Common Exception Words (directly from the National Curriculum), which I have attached for your reference.

Maths homework will be handed out every Thursday. Please hand it in by the following Tuesday. Thank you.

Reading Records

Everyone has a reading record so that anything read at school or home can be noted. Children read regularly in school and we try to change reading books whenever possible. When you read with your child at home, please record pages read and write a comment in their reading record. Please note that a reading book will not be changed unless an adult has signed it off as being completed.

Diary Dates

More details about each of these will follow in separate letters, but sometimes it's handy to have advance notice!

Friday 8th September: First swimming session. Please collect your child from the swimming pool at 3.30pm.

Tuesday 12th September 3.30 - 4.15: Meet The Teacher! A chance for your child to show their work and classroom, and for you to chat with the teachers!

Wednesday 20th September: 9.00-10.30 INSPIRE workshop: Family Collage. A whole school session where adults and children work together to create family portraits. No artistic expertise necessary! ☺

Monday 25th September: School closed due to Pateley Show.

Wednesday 13th December 9.00-10.30: INSPIRE workshop - Christmas Crafts

We both very much look forward to working with you and your child. Please don't hesitate to contact us if there is anything else you would like to know.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Aldridge and Mrs Issitt

