

Welcome to Class 1!

Welcome back to school. We hope you enjoyed a fabulous Summer and are looking forward to all the exciting things we have planned this year.

Firstly we would like to introduce the staff working in Class 1:

Mrs McCallum: Class Teacher Monday-Wednesday

Mrs Lucas: Class Teacher Thursday - Friday

Mrs Frame: Teaching Assistant Monday - Friday

This term:

Our topic this term is **We can be Heroes!** We will explore what makes a hero, talk about everyday heroes and find out how we can be heroes in our classroom and in our community. This term we will learn:

English	Writing labels, lists and captions in a variety of contexts.
Shared texts	This term we will be reading: Supertato by Sue Hendra & Paul Linnet Funny Bones by Janet & Allan Ahlberg Shark in the Park on a Windy day by Nick Sharratt Duck in the Truck by Jez Alborough A Cheese and Tomato Spider by Nick Sharratt Tidy! by Emily Gravett What the Ladybird Heard by Julia Donaldson You might like to share these texts at home with your child so that they become increasingly familiar with the language, events, pattern and rhyme.
Maths	Place Value (the number system), Counting, recognising, partitioning numbers to 5. Using a bar model.
Science	Naming and identifying parts of the body; exploring the senses.
Art	Artwork by Roy Lichenstein including self portraits
D.T	Making windmills
Computing	Technology at home and in school
R.E	A sense of belonging. Christianity and Hinduism
P.E	Wednesday - please wear P.E kit to school
History	Personal history about our own lives.
Geography	Human and physical features in the environment. Creating simple maps
PSHE	Being Learning Warriors - exploring effective learning; taking responsibility



Music	Creating a group performance, exploring changes in dynamics
French	Through song, rhyme, story, games and interactive resources, we will learn to say and recognise the words for parts of the body, meet a wolf who likes changing his clothes and a monster who is scared of smelly socks, all the time revising and building on vocabulary from last year.

Important dates:

Wednesday 18th September: Curriculum Evening in the classroom starting at 6pm. Please come and meet the Class 1 staff and find out about all the key information regarding your child's time in Year 1.

Friday 4th October: Harvest Festival in the church (afternoon). Please keep a look out for further information

Wednesday 16th October: Class 1 Parent Sharing Assembly (9am)

Friday 18th October: Visit to Mrs Frame's farm (children will need to bring welly boots). *Please let the office know if you are able to help by joining us on this welly walk to the farm.*

Wednesday 23rd October: TD Day - no school for the children

End of Term

Reading Books:

Your child will bring home their first reading book this week. In Class 1 we will be following on from the reading books your child read in Reception.

Making time to hear your child read every day is a crucial routine. Children who read every day make incredible reading progress and begin to develop a love for books. It really does make all the difference.

We have a chart in the classroom where we record how many nights your child has read - we do this on a regular basis so **please make sure the Reading Record is up to date and that it is always inside your child's reading folder.** Thank you!

Reading in school:

This year your child will read in groups on a weekly basis. We call this Guided Reading and we will discuss this further during the Curriculum Evening.

We would also like to invite you (or grandparents) to volunteer to hear readers individually. If you would like to do this, please speak to a member of staff. Thank you!



Homework:

In Class 1 children will also begin bringing home spelling homework based on Common Exception words. We will go into more detail about homework during the Curriculum Evening. Please also see separate information regarding spelling - this is available on our class page on the website.

All information regarding spelling will be kept in your child's Homework Book. It is important that you check this regularly as it will be where we give you the weekly spellings and any additional homework e.g. family talking homework. This book is also where we might send home some extra work that we feel your child will benefit from or let you know any celebrations in learning that we feel you would like to hear about. This is the key way we will communicate with you regarding your child's progress so it is really important that this book stays inside your child's bag every day.

P.E Kit:

Class 1 have P.E. on Wednesday afternoons. **Children will need to come to school on a Wednesday dressed in PE kits please** and will not need to get changed at school. Please ensure your child is wearing a Ramsbury P.E tshirt or white tshirt, navy or black shorts / PE skirt/tracksuit bottoms and white or black trainers. As they are wearing this for the day, it is school uniform and therefore other colours are not part of the PE uniform policy.

Curriculum Evening:

As already mentioned, there is a meeting on Wednesday 18th September for all parents to attend. This is the perfect opportunity to ask questions but also to find out about expectations, topics and the exciting adventures we will be having in Class 1. We will discuss how you can help your child at home, what your child will learn this year and home/school communication.

We hope your child enjoys their first few days in Class 1 and do not hesitate to speak to one of us with any issues, concerns or questions.

Finally.....

As part of our topic on superheroes, we will be exploring what it means to be a real life superhero! We would love to invite any parents who are doctors, nurses, work in hospitals, police officers, fire fighters, vets...etc to come and talk about their jobs. If you would like to do this please speak to a member of staff and we will sort out a convenient time. Thank you for your help!

Thank you,

Mrs McCallum and Mrs Lucas





