

## **Class 1**

### **Summer Term 2022**

#### **Postcards from the Past**

Our final topic for the year is Postcards from the Past. Granny Fantastic will be taking us on a journey into her past, helping us to explore how things were different for her as a child. We will be talking about Grandparents and how life has changed, exploring toys, holidays and clothes from the past and comparing them to our lives now. If the children would like to bring in any photographs or objects to help with this topic they are more than welcome to do so.

This term Reception will be focusing on extended writing tasks. They will be looking closely at different genres of writing including adventure stories, instructions, recounts and poetry. We are having a big push on punctuating our sentences accurately using a capital letter and full stop, and we will be beginning to think more carefully about question marks and exclamation marks. I will be sending each child home with their own writing journal to encourage them to write at home, this could be anything from a list of their favourite toys to their own mini adventure story, as long as its child initiated and most importantly fun. If they would like to share their journal with the class I will be putting aside some time on a Monday morning for the children to share their work.

In Numeracy we will be continuing to developing our mental maths strategies. We will be practising rapid recall of known number facts, including number bonds to 10 and doubles and halves to 10. We will also be applying what we have learnt in previous terms to solve real life problems involving simple addition and subtraction, and doubling and halving.

Reception will be working very hard this term in preparation for transition into Class Two. We will be continuing to develop the children`s resilience and independence, to help them approach new tasks with confidence. Little things, like taking responsibility for their own belongings at the beginning and end of the day, will really help your child to develop the skills necessary to blossom into an independent, confident learner in school.

Nursery is getting very busy with the addition of four new pupils this term. We will therefore be splitting the group according to their year group. The younger children will be working on short speaking and listening activities. They will be thinking carefully about listening to the other children in their group, and playing games to develop their turn taking and sharing skills. We are working hard to encourage your child`s independence. Asking them to follow simple instructions like putting their coat on, or washing their hands.

The older children will be beginning to think about moving into Foundation Two. They will be taking part in more structured group activities, with a strong focusing on developing their listening and attention skills. We will be continuing to work on pencil control activities

in preparation for Reception, encouraging the children to hold their pencil and form their letters correctly, and working on short writing patterns. If you would like any support with this at home, please don't hesitate to ask. You can support your child with their transition into Reception by helping them to further develop their independence at home. Eating their dinner with a knife and fork, dressing and undressing, following simple instructions, putting their shoes and coats on independently, are all expectations for Reception.

Please can we ask all parents to support us with developing their child`s toileting skills at home. We are a very busy classroom with limited staff, therefore being able to go to the toilet independently is a very important part of the day. Independent wiping, pulling up and down their own pants/trousers and sitting on the toilet and attending to their own personal needs. If your child is prone to an occasional accident, please can you ensure they have spares in school.

I am looking forward to a very fun and busy Summer Term with the children.

As always, please feel free to grab me at the beginning or end of the day if you have any worries.