

## Year 1 Term 2 Newsletter

## Welcome to Term 2

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope you all enjoyed a fantastic half-term break, and we are excited for another term of great learning experiences.

We are excited to share the two new texts which are linked to our Winter topic in Year 1 this term: Lost and Found and The Gruffalo's Child. Ask your child at home about our new class texts... They may even mention some clues that reveal some visitors have been in our classroom!





This term in English, the children will be retelling the beginning, middle and end of Lost and Found, and they will also be creating a writing outcome based on where The Gruffalo lives. Within both final outcomes, we will show off our skills of applying our phonic knowledge whilst continuing to build upon our understanding of sentence construction and the importance of capital letters and full stops. We are now learning new Phase 5 sounds as part of our daily phonics teaching so perhaps we can tell you our new sound each day, too!

In Maths, we will be developing our understanding of number and place value. We will be counting to 100, whilst also exploring the structure of numbers and patterns within the number sequence. Challenge us at home by asking us to count forwards and backwards from a given number to another given number. Please practice number formation frequently at home.

In Science, we will continue to observe and describe the changes as we move from Autumn to Winter, looking at the weather associated with the seasons and how the length of the day changes.

Our Online Safety focus this term is 'Online Bullying'. We will be describing ways to behave online that do not upset others. We will be thinking about how different actions make us feel.

We will continue to enjoy weekly lessons in PSHE, RE, Geography, Art, Computing, Music and PE. As in Term 1, the children will have weekly cycling and PE lessons on a <u>Thursday</u> afternoon. Please ensure that your child comes to school each Thursday wearing their PE kits and that they have their bike and helmet in school ready for cycling. Thank you for your support when leaving bikes outside Chipmunks each morning and collecting them from the top playground at the end of the day.

Homework will continue to be given out on a Friday and will be due in on the following Wednesday alongside their reading record. Please ensure that both things are inside the named, green wallet provided at the start of Term 1. Please continue to record your child's reading in their reading record each day and aim for a minimum of 5 reads per week. Please access your child's eBook using the link provided - eBooks are allocated each Friday. This is the book that your child has been reading as part of our Reading sessions so let your child show off their fantastic reading ability! Your child will also take home a 'Reading for Pleasure' book that they have selected from our school library. Remember when we count reads for reading certificates, we only count 1 read per day.

Please join us to celebrate our successes during the celebration assemblies on Friday mornings on Teams. We will celebrate children's academic learning, values-based successes and reading achievements. If your child has an out-of-school achievement, please do let us know so that we can celebrate this as well.

Thank you for your continued support.

<u>The Year 1 Team</u> Please email the class teachers if there is anything you wish to discuss: <u>Class 1RH -</u> Mrs Ramlall & Mrs Heath (Class Teachers) Miss Probets (TA)

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