**Class 1 Autumn Newsletter**

Welcome to a new school year at Sutton on the Forest Primary. The children in class 1 have settled really well into the school life and are following new routines and learning school rules. We have loved hearing about what they have been up to over the summer holidays.

**Staffing**

The teaching in class 1 is a shared role but on a normal week it will be structured as follows; Mrs Bird and Miss Tubb will teach on Mondays and the children will complete Forest School activities on an afternoon.

Mrs Jackson will teach from Tuesday to Friday with TA support from Mrs Bell.

**Topic**

This half term our topic is superheroes which the children are really enjoying so far. Please find the topic web attached to this letter which outlines some of the exciting activities we will be doing. We would like to have a superhero day towards the end of term (-date to be confirmed ) where the children can come to school dressed as a superhero or a real life hero eg doctor, firefighter, soldier etc. We will complete a superhero rescue games, create a villain trap in our outside area and we will be testing out our superhero skills.

**P.E**

Our PE sessions will be held on Thursday afternoons. Please can you ensure your child has a named P.E kit for these lessons. It would also be helpful if you can encourage your child to dress and undress independently at home. Buttons, zips and jumpers can be very challenging for young children.

**Homework-**Please find attached the class 1 homework grid which outlines some of the activities you could do to support and enhance your child’s learning journey. Year 1 children will have spelling tests on Fridays and they will have a week to learn their new words. We have now completed our phonic assessments and the children will now begin to follow the letters and sounds programme. Reception children will bring home phonic books to practice sounds they have covered and tricky words to practice when they are more confident.

SMIRF(space mission instant recall facts) challenges will be tested on Mondays. These targets will help your child develop numeracy skills and recall known number facts.

Reading books will continue to be changed on Monday and Thursdays. Please make sure that you read with your child regularly and write in their reading record so we know whether we need to change their books and which books they have already read.

**Resources**

We would love to build up some resources for class 1 and would welcome donations of table top games such as connect 4, jenga, jigsaw puzzles, frustration,fuzzy felts, toy dinosaurs, plastic toy wild animals. etc. newspapers, magazines, comics,ice cream containers, lego characters, small boxes for construction.

**Finally**

Thank you for all of your on-going support with school. All the hard work you put in at home with phonics, reading and maths is very much appreciated. If you have any concerns about your child or need further information do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks

The Class 1 team- Mrs Jackson, Mrs Bird, Mrs Bell and Miss Tubb.