

Class 1 Newsletter

Autumn 1 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Class 1! This newsletter is to let you know about some of the things we are doing and will also ensure your child has everything they need in school.

I'd like to firstly reiterate how well the new starters and returning children have settled in. They have been **AMAZING**, and we are so proud of the independence and resilience they have shown in coming into school happily on a morning.

Book Bags

Please make sure your child has a book bag for carrying reading books and their Reading Record, and that this is with them at school every day. In the next few weeks, your child will bring home a reading book which will support and consolidate the reading they have done at school. The book will be at a similar level to the books they read during Guided Reading sessions. When your child has read their book, please note it in their Home Reading Record.

Water Bottles and Snacks

Please make sure your child has a water bottle, **labelled with their name**, at school **every day** so they can have regular drinks in the classroom; these are stored on the draining board in your child's classroom. Please make sure bottles are only filled with water; juice or squash needs to be saved for lunchtime. Fruit and vegetable snacks are provided in school and can be eaten during morning or afternoon playtimes. If your child would prefer to bring their own snacks for playtimes, please make sure this is a 'healthy' snack (no chocolate, sweets or crisps, and **no nuts/nut products**).

P.E.

We have P.E. on **Wednesday** and **Friday** each week. Please make sure your child has a full P.E. kit at school so they can take part in the lesson. All P.E. lessons will take place outside at the moment, so children need suitable footwear, and a jumper or hoodie for colder weather. Please make sure **ALL** kit, including footwear, is **labelled with your child's name**.

Big Idea/Signposts

One of the lovely things about the curriculum in Class 1 is that we are able to follow the children's interests and teach to a wide variety of child-led topics. We observe the children closely to find out what really interests them so that meaningful learning experiences and environments can be planned. In the last few days, we have seen lots of play based on 'Parties' and 'Baking' so we have spoken to the children and have

decided to turn the home corner into a Birthday Party area and also to make apple crumble!

'Signposts' are topics which we know that we will cover. For example, our 'Signposts' for this half term include All About Me, Autumn, and Harvest. We are really enjoying finding out all about each other and sharing our 'All about me' booklets - the children are very confident in telling us about their home life.

'Big Idea' is the themed work we do. Our first 'Big Idea' for this half term is based around the book 'Mr Big' by Ed Vere. During this Big Idea, we will be finding out about being a good friend.

Homework

In the coming weeks we will be uploading ideas, games and websites to Google Classrooms. This is a really nice way of sharing learning with your child and keeping up to date on what they are doing in school. If you do not currently have access, we will shortly be sending out the logins and instructions.

Best wishes,

Mrs Ovenden, Miss Woodcock and Mrs Morris