



# Class 1 Newsletter

## Term 6

### Summer Term

Be the BEST You Can Be

*Whatever you do, do with all your heart. Colossians 3:23*

I can't believe that we are fast approaching the last term of Class 1. It's always a lovely term with warmer weather (finally!), more field time, lots of outdoor learning, sports day and a trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm – so much to pack in! The children have continued to grow and find their own ways to shine and I can't believe we are nearly at the end of our time together. I look forward to helping them have a really positive end to Year 1 and get them ready for their transition to Year 2...

#### What we are learning

Our **topic** this term is Geography based and called *Are We There Yet?* It is all about Journeys. We will be thinking about journeys we make – and have made – and learning some map skills. We will also be thinking about the area we live in.

In **English**, we will use our theme of Journeys to inspire some of our writing. We will be going on amazing, imaginary journeys and also finding out about some great journeys in History. We will be working on the final part of Phase 5 in phonics.

Our KIRF in **Maths** is *I can tell the time to the nearest hour and half hour*. Although the children are becoming very good at counting forwards we need to practise our fluency in counting backwards, especially when it crosses a '10' number e.g. 30...29, 60...59, 80...79). Our main focus for the start of the term is Multiplication and Division, before moving on to Fractions.

In this last term, Class 1 will be continuing to consolidate their knowledge and understanding of everyday materials and their properties in **Science**. The term will be heavily investigation based and the children will be encouraged to start thinking about what may happen and also what we can learn from our findings.

In **RE**, we will be learning about, and considering, what difference a faith might make to a family with a particular focus on Hinduism.

Through our **PSHE** sessions we will be talking about 'Changing Me' and, in line with our policy, part of the focus will be *identifying the parts of the body that make boys different to girls and using the correct names for these*. If you have any questions about this, please let me know.

**Computing** in Term 6 will cover a range of skills. We will be learning about technology beyond school, exploring different uses of 'the application of scientific knowledge for practical purposes, especially in industry'. We will be using digital cameras to take photographs of technologies we can spot, and creating a document in Purple Mash to record them. We will of course, be revisiting a number of ICT skills, such as inputting algorithms (instructions) and saving and retrieving work.

In **PE**, we are lucky to be having a rugby coach for the rest of the term teaching the children lots of skills to do with this team sport, invasion sport.

For **Music**, we will be focusing on accompany the song we are learning with both tuned and percussion instruments.

## Reading

We hope that you are enjoying the new books that your children have been bringing home. The system seems to be working very well with the children bringing home the book they have been reading at school in their guided reading groups. Thank you all for getting the books back to us each week so we can maintain the sets ready for the next group.

We are also very grateful for your support with reading regularly at home – I am really pleased with the progress I am seeing so I must thank you for taking time to hear your children read regularly at home as well.

## Dates for this term

**KS1 Sports Day – Tues 14<sup>th</sup> @1pm**

**Summer Fayre – Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

**Transition Day – Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> July**

**Trip to Noah's Ark – Mon 11<sup>th</sup> July**

**End of term 6 – Wed 20<sup>th</sup> July @2.30pm**

**More information about our trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm to follow soon...**

## Useful Information

This term, PE will be on a Tuesday as we are lucky enough to have a rugby coach in to coach the class. Please can your children continue to come into school dressed in their PE kits those days?

Dance club will continue to run every Monday, finishing at 4.00pm. The last session will be on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July. **No Dance Club on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June due to a staff meeting.**

## ...and finally

PSHE – as a requirement of the PSHE curriculum, this term we will be discussing the physical difference between boys and girls, including the correct vocabulary for different parts of their body. Should you wish to discuss this further, I am happy to go through it with you.

As all the other terms, this term will no doubt fly by so I would once again like to thank you for your continued support and involvement. What a team!

As always, I am here if you need me at the start or end of the day.