

Class 1 POW

Autumn Term 2021

Welcome to Class 1,

Abby and I are very excited for the year ahead and looking forward to encouraging your child to grow in knowledge and life skills. We strongly believe the best way for children to flourish is for there to be an equal partnership and open dialogue between school and home, the more we work together to help your child the more they will gain from their time in Class 1.

Below you will find an overview of what will be happening in Class 1 over the coming 2 terms. In Class 1 we recognise the importance of early learning in a variety of ways, because of this we will also be participating in the Key Stage One Nativity as well as a visit to Santa at Smart Trees in December ( more details to follow at a later date.)

If you have any questions please feel free to speak with us or send an email.

Miss Overton – Short and Abby

English

Reading and Phonics are fundamental skills to learn and we spend a large amount of time in the early days understanding the importance of reading and developing a love of books. We will spend a lot of time in Reception talking about a variety of books and understanding what the text is trying to tell us. Oral literacy is an important skill for the children to learn at an early stage, we can learn a lot about a child's understanding of the text from talking to them and listening to what they have to say.

In Phonics over the next two terms we will be learning all the phase 2 phonemes, children will be coming home with sounds to practice each day and I am sure will be keen to tell you what they have been doing.

We will also be encouraging your child's writing skills through lots of fine motor activities and participating in dough disco weekly.

Yr1

Year 1 have started the year by looking at the book 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers. They are then going to move onto more fantasy related books.

Spelling, punctuation and grammar will be worked on within our English lessons. Children will have daily phonics sessions and 3x weekly guided reading sessions. We are looking forward to National Poetry Day on 7<sup>th</sup> October.

In Term 2 the children will be looking at silly poems and nonsense rhymes. They will make their own poems and rhymes.

Mathematics

Reception

For the next two terms the children will be learning about the numbers 0-5 in great depth. We will look at how these numbers are formed, what is a number and how can we recognise them. Numberblocks will become a big feature in your child's understanding of numbers.

We also learn about subitising and number correspondence. Once children have a good understanding of this we move onto looking at the different number bonds for each number.

Yr1

Year 1 children will begin to understand place value; counting in 2s and 10s; ordering and comparing numbers using greater than and less than symbols; counting forwards and backwards along a number line. They will start to look at addition and subtraction.

Weekly quizzes will help improve our mental arithmetic and fluency.

In Term 2 Year 1 will continue to look at addition and subtraction. They will develop different methods for addition and subtraction and well as reinforce their place value understanding to larger numbers. They will also touch on shape.

#### Science

Over the next two terms we will be studying Animals including Humans. We will look at how to classify animals and the differences between different species. We will also learn about the human body and in particular the different senses, this will include lots of different physical activities and experiments as well as a little food tasting.

#### P.E

In PE class 1 will be undertaking their first steps to completing the fundamental movement skills. Alongside this our dance unit will be all about toys!

#### History/ Geography

To aid our Pirate adventures we will be learning about the Seas and Oceans of the world. We will also be taking a trip down memory lane and comparing how seaside holidays now differ from those in the past.

#### PSHE

During PSHE the children will learn how to develop meaningful and respectful relationships. We will look at the similarities and differences amongst the class and how this makes each child unique and special. The children will also learn about rules and boundaries as part of their settling in process.

#### Art and Design/ Design and Technology

In Art all the children will be learning about the primary and secondary colours, they will do this through learning about the ways different artists have used colours in their artwork.  
In D.T children will be making puppets using a variety of materials, they will learn how to plan a design and evaluate their work.

#### Music

Lots of singing will be happening in Class 1 between now and Christmas. The children will be learning traditional and non-traditional nursery rhymes as well as learning songs for the Christmas Nativity.

#### Computing

Over the next two terms the children will be learning about E- Safety as well as using the Bee Bots to begin their understanding of programming.