

## Year 1 Newsletter

### Terms 1 and 2 2018

#### Welcome to Year 1!

We have been really impressed with how well the children have settled into their new classes and new routine.

For your information, the teachers in class 1SN are Mrs Stockdale (Monday and Tuesday) and Mrs Norris (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday), with Mrs Palframan supporting. In 1AM, Mrs May is the teacher with Mrs King-Mason supporting.

1AM will host a class assembly on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 2.50pm.**

1SN will host a class assembly on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 at 2.50pm.**

#### Reminders

Your child must bring in a named book bag every day.

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform every day, including appropriate, black school shoes. Please remember that long hair must be tied back and that jewellery is not permitted except stud ear-rings and a watch.



As the weather gets colder, please ensure that your child has a coat and jumper.

#### ENGLISH

##### WRITING

Our focus for English and the wider curriculum is the story of Hansel and Gretel, specifically the version written by Anthony Browne. In English we will be practising how to formulate correct sentences and building this skill for the children to write a story of their own.



In term 2 we will be reading the book *Coming Home* by Michael Morpurgo. We will continue to work on:

- forming lower-case letters, capital letters and digits 0-9 correctly
- composing a sentence orally before writing it
- linking sentences

#### MATHS

For the first two terms we will be covering:

- mental addition and subtraction – 1 more 1 less
- number and place value to 20
- Geometry: properties of shapes 2D shapes
- mental multiplication and division – doubles and halves
- Geometry: position and direction
- measurement – length and height



#### TEXT AND CONTEXT



Using the text *Hansel and Gretel*, we will be investigating urban and rural environments and different types of houses; plants and animals in forests; what makes plants grow; the seven continents and where Germany is.

In Term 2 we will look at the geography of Europe and learn about the migration of birds in winter.



#### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PE will normally take place on Thursday afternoon, but will be on Wednesday for the next 3 weeks. Children should have their **named** PE kit in school all the time in case our PE day needs to change for any reason. They can bring it home at the weekend for a wash. Please leave all jewellery at home on PE days. This term we will be focusing on the basic physical skills of running, jumping, balancing, throwing and catching.

##### DAILY MILE

The children are currently taking part in the daily mile which they are enjoying. They are running or walking for 15 minutes and enjoying racing each other for short periods and challenging themselves to run faster and further.

### COMPUTING/MUSIC

This term we are learning and performing a rap called *Hey You!* We will be learning to find the pulse of a piece of music and keeping in time with it; and using musical instruments to accompany our performance.

In term 2 we will be creating simple algorithms in computing and learning key vocabulary. Every lesson will include an aspect of e-safety.

### PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL

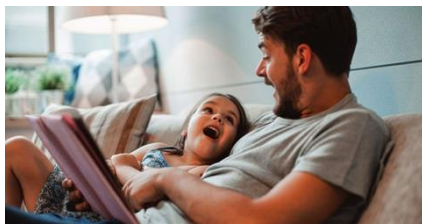
We will be enabling the children to settle into Year 1 by teaching and encouraging developing social skills and confidence:

- Getting Along Together: taking turns, being kind
- PUPAC values
- golden rules



### Reading at Home

All children are encouraged to read regularly at home. Please do make use of our well stocked library in school and either visit after



school or encourage your child to visit during lunch times. Of course, it's important to read to your child, no matter how old they are!

Children will have the chance to change their books every day and it is really helpful if you note their reading in their reading records.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY ART & DESIGN

These subjects will be taught in week blocks at different times of the year. Information about these will be sent home nearer the time

### HOMEWORK

Homework will be set each week on Friday and is due back in on the following Tuesday. All the children have been given a homework book in which the homework tasks will be shown and where children can record their homework. If you need further information about how to support your child with their homework, please ask.

We will be launching our new Science curriculum after half term! More details about that to follow soon...