



## Class 1 Newsletter

Spring Term 2020

Happy New Year, everyone! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and that you are ready to learn lots more in Class 1 this term. The grown-ups in Class 1 are as follows: Mrs Lane, Mrs Edenbrow, Mrs Collins, Ms Hargreaves and Mrs Hall. We are all really excited about this term and the fabulous learning we will be doing together. This term, our class topic will be **'Britain: Then and Now.'** We will be considering how a British home has changed over the years, comparing the experiences of our grandparents and our parents to our own lives and observing and handling some artefacts along the way. As a class, we aim to provide enjoyable learning in a fluid environment, designed for the children.

### **EYFS children:**

Having focused on the prime areas of the EYFS last term, we will now move onto tackle the specific areas of learning, namely Mathematics, Reading, Writing, Understanding of the World and Expressive Arts and Design. These subjects will be taught to the children in a variety of formats, including whole-class teaching, small group work and through play. We will also continue to work our way through the 'Letters and Sounds' Phonics scheme. We will continue to learn letter sounds in Phases 2 and 3 of the scheme, and prepare to move onto Phase 4, which involves consolidating what the children have already learnt, while focusing on reading and writing words with adjacent consonants, for example 'train.' We aim for the children to have a reading book sent home each week: please ensure that they read with you as regularly as possible. To supplement our Phonics, we will continue practising our handwriting on a daily basis. Please note that our handwriting policy advocates that the children learn to write cursively from the beginning. Please ask me if you want to know more.

### **Year 1/2 children:**

Building on our strong start last term, we will continue to work our way through the Key Stage 1 curriculum. In our Phonics lessons, year 1 will be learning to apply our Phase 5 skills in reading and writing, building up our vocabulary and grammar as we go and preparing for the Phonics Screening Check, which will take place throughout the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> June this year. There will be a Year 1 parents' meeting about the screening check later this term: please ask Mrs Lane for more details. Year 2 will continue to develop their spelling strategies and knowledge of prefixes, suffixes and homophones and will be looking to apply our skills in our writing at length.

In our Maths this term, we will examine problems involving multiplication and division, as well as learning how to measure length, height, weight and capacity and telling the time. In our English sessions, we will begin by reading *Burglar Bill* by Janet and Allan Ahlberg and compose a 'wanted poster' for Burglar Bill. In the afternoons, we will: learn to use aerial photographs to devise maps in Geography; how to identify and name the parts and senses of the human body and about the basic needs of animals (including humans); the importance of exercise in Science and learning to listen to and understand live and recorded pieces in Music. The children will continue to develop their computing skills through the use of Purple Mash and other computer software and in particular this term they will be focusing on creating and debugging simple programs. They will also use IT to find information and present their work.

### **We need your help:**

Once again at the start of a new school term there are a number of items that we need to encourage creativity and imagination. We would love to have some items from the past for the children to use to gain an understanding of how things have changed, so if you know anyone who has any historical household artefacts (phones, cleaning implements, typewriters, cooking utensils, radios/music players etc) please let us know.

As usual we are also looking to restock our junk modelling and creative areas with items such as boxes of different sizes and shapes and cardboard tubes. Again if you have anything you think would be useful please speak to any of the class 1 team.

**Extra information:**

- Class 1 will do P.E. on a Tuesday afternoon this term. Please keep kits in class until half term, unless they are in real need of a wash. Please ensure that all P.E. kit is named, as well as all school uniform. Year 2 will be attending swimming lessons at Selby Leisure Centre (as per previous letter) on a Friday afternoon with Mrs Hall.
- This term English and Maths homework for year 1 and 2 children will be set on Thursdays and should be completed and handed in the following Wednesday. EYFS children should continue to practise their recognition of phase 2 phonemes and tricky words. Please continue to read at home with your child as often as you can.
- Please can all members of Class 1 continue to bring a complete change of clothes to school each day, in case of accidents or school clothes getting wet and messy. Also, if your child is sent home in spare school clothes, please ensure these are returned to school as soon as possible.
- Finally, a reminder that we do have an open door policy so if there is anything you need to discuss with us, we are available for five minutes before or after school on most days. Any concerns requiring longer than a quick chat can be discussed by making an appointment with myself via the office.

Mrs Lane, Mrs Edenbrow and the Class 1 team.

