



## Class 1 Autumn Term



Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to say well done to all the children in class 1 for being very grown up and settling in to their new class and school. They have been amazing and we are very proud of them!



During this term we will focus on the themes of 'How do we travel on land?' and 'What special events do we celebrate?'

In the Early Years Foundation Stage we teach and learn through the following areas:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language, Physical Development, Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design.

Through 'Personal, Social and Emotional Development', we will be finding out what we are good at and how we learn from mistakes to develop our self esteem, independence and confidence.

'Communication and Language' opportunities will enable children to listen to and follow instructions to complete different tasks and follow routines. They will have daily opportunities to listen to and share class stories and poems. Speaking and listening skills will be developed through asking and answering questions.

Through 'Physical Development', children will practise fine motor skills using various mark making equipment and tools. Gross motor skills are developed during PE sessions and during activities at Forest School where we will explore and investigate the environment around us.

In 'Literacy', reading and writing opportunities will link to traditional stories, non-fiction and poetry and mark making tools are used to enhance the areas inside the classroom and outdoor environment. Children will be developing their word building skills through our daily phonics sessions.

In 'Mathematics', children will learn about recognising and forming numbers and counting forwards and backwards using stories and rhymes. They will be thinking of ways to represent numbers with a range of objects and pictures and using specific vocabulary, including 'one more' and 'one less'. They will be solving 'real life problems' with measures through baking activities and role play.



'Understanding the World' - Children will compare similarities and differences between different forms of transport and share knowledge and understanding of different journeys they have experienced. Events that we celebrate will include Harvest, birthdays, bonfire night and Christmas.

'Expressive Arts and Design' - Children will use a range of materials and tools to create their own artwork and explore instruments to represent music. Role play areas will reflect the children's interests and develop their imagination.



We look forward to a busy and exciting term. Remember we have an open door policy - please feel free to come in and see us at any time with any questions or to share news!

Mrs Hainsworth, Mr Clark, Mrs Allen

#### Reminders

- Book bags come in to school and home every day.
- Blue 'Home/School' Journals are shared with the class whenever children bring them into school - there is no set day for these!
- PE bags and water bottles: bring in on a Monday and are sent home on a Friday.
- 'Show and Tell' will be on a Thursday. Children can bring in small items to show the class if they would like to, or they can talk about something they have done in the past week during this session.
- Forest School starts on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September and will take place every Tuesday. Come to school wearing Forest clothes and school shoes. Bring wellies and coats to change into after lunch.