

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to Class 1 for the familiar faces and a very warm welcome to the new families that have joined us this year. We hope that you all had a wonderful summer.

This term, the children in Class 1 will be learning about their topic 'Marvellous Me!' through science, geography, ICT, art and history style lessons. Please see the attached topic map for further information. To aid our work, **please could you upload to Tapestry a photo of your child when they were a baby (less than a year old if possible).** Thank you.

PE lessons this half term will take place on **Wednesdays** (outdoor games) and on a **Friday** every week (indoor gym or dance). Please could you ensure that children have their PE kits in school with a pair of trainers. We are also going to offer '**Show and Tell**' again this term on a **Monday**. If your child has something that they would like to share, please can you send it into school on a Monday morning or upload some information and a photo/video of what they would like to share to Tapestry by 1pm ready for us to show the class in the afternoon. If your child has a certificate or award (e.g. swimming, football, dance etc.) they will be able to show this to the whole school during celebration assembly on a Friday morning if they wish.

The children will also enjoy art, design and technology, RE and music lessons as well as learning phonics, English and maths. It makes a real difference to how much the children can progress in their learning if they read often at home using their phonic linked reading book. We will listen to the children read in class as much as possible (individually and in guided reading sessions using their phonics linked text) and will record this in their diary and ask that when you hear them read at home that you record what they have read. Year 1 children are asked each day if they need to change their books having finished them at home (if it is signed in their diaries) whereas Year R children will only change their book when reading with an adult in class initially.

It has been really great to see all of the children coming into class so confidently and looking really smart in their uniform. We are also pleased to see so many named water bottles (filled only with water- other drinks for lunchtime only please) and PE kits already in school, thank you.

If you ever have a concern or query regarding your child, please feel free to come to see us for a quick chat before or after school or you are welcome to book an appointment if you'd like more time to talk.

We are very much looking forward to working with you and your lovely children.

With best wishes

Mrs Hayley Pratley

Ms Emilia Munro

(Class teachers)