

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 the seaside through science, geography, ICT, art and history style lessons that we call 'Curriculum lessons'. Please see the attached curriculum map for further information. To aid our work about the seaside, **please could you upload to Tapestry a photo of your child at the seaside** (if possible or if not any holiday photo would be suitable)?

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 all week with a pair of trainers. We are also going to offer 'Show and Tell' again this term on a Wednesday. If your child has something that they would like to share, please could they bring it into school on a Wednesday morning or could you upload some information and a photo/video of this to Tapestry (by 1pm) ready for us to show the class in the afternoon, thank you.

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 as repetition is very important when a child first starts to read.

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)