

Class 1 Summer 2017 - 1st half term

Hello and welcome to everyone, it's been a big change in class 1 this term, but the children have coped very well with the change of staff and we welcomed Mrs Withington to the class for this term. We will also have Mr Barwick with us for Thursday and Friday of the last two weeks of term. Next term, Mrs Withington will teach Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mr Barwick on Thursday and Friday. From September, Mr Barwick will be with us full time.

This half term our topic is dinosaurs. We will look at where they live, what they eat and how they move and write some lovely stories and make our own little books about our very own dinosaur. Our art will be linked to creating homes and environments for dinosaurs.

In Literacy, we are using fiction and non-fiction books to help our topics. We are focusing on remembering our finger spaces, full stops and capital letters, plus using descriptive language to enhance work. The year one pupils Year 1 will focus on spelling the common exception (tricky words) words and it would help if you could support their learning at home by reading with them daily and helping them to learn these words. Some children have beautiful handwriting and we will continue to work on improving our hand writing skills.

In numeracy we are revisiting our work on measure in capacity, volume, length and finally weight. We will also record the information in pictograms and graphs. We also will be increasing our work and knowledge of everyday skills in days of the week, months of the year, number bonds to 10 and 20 and starting to build on our multiplication knowledge in 2s, 5s and 10s and for Early Years counting and recognising numbers to 20.

We continue with our SMIRFS (space mission instant recall facts) each week to support learning.

Our science topic will run alongside our main topic of plants and we hope to have a trip to Harlow Carr gardens next term. We will be asking 'what's growing in our gardens? We will look at plants and how they grow and have a go at planting our own flowers and vegetables. Our visit to Harlow Carr will support this work. If you have any pictures of your own gardens, please bring them in, or if you have any plants or vegetables to spare that we can plant please bring them.

ICT - this term and next we will look at internet security and focus on keeping safe on the internet. We use the CEOP information pages and the Magic Adventures of Kim and Lee. You can find these on line.

Don't forget to keep letting us know about your child's success at home. We love to share achievements.

PE - Mr Warriner will continue to work with the class on Mondays and we will have PE on Wednesday too.

Staffing: Mrs Withington - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Mrs Withington & Mr Barwick - Thursday, Friday

Mrs Collins - Monday, Tuesday, Mrs Fielding - Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Miss Wilkie - every morning and some afternoons.

Please feel free to come and look at your child's Learning Journey at any point. They are a lovely record of how each child spends their time.

We are a very open classroom and team, so do come and talk to us if you have any questions or worries and we will do our best to help.

If you have any time and would like to come in to help with art, playing games, reading books etc. we would love to hear from you.

To help your child, please ensure they have named PE kit in school every day, along with reading books, diaries and home/school books.

Reading books - Daily to school

PE - Monday and Wednesday

Library books - Tuesday

Homework (for Year 1) - given out on Tuesday, back for the following Monday please.

Many thanks for your support

Wendy Withington

Class 1 teacher