

## **Class One Information Letter    Summer1 2018**



Class One are thoroughly enjoying the start to the new term and their theme of "Shipwrecks". We have begun by focusing on "pirates" in our literature through "Pirates love Underpants". Everyone dressed up as a pirate with funny underpants over their clothes. Year 1 have worked on a rewrite of the story ensuring their punctuation of sentences is accurate and will continue to do activities to develop this.

They will also work on developing description of character and setting. Reception children will focus on improving writing of a sentence, using phonic knowledge to build words and on letter formation, ensuring that they use precursive formation, which leads to confident cursive writing. Nursery children are exploring mark making, improving tripod grasp for pencil holding and will consider recognition of familiar words such as their own names and sign words they see often. They will also become familiar with the letters of their name, e.g. decorating them, colouring them, cutting them out.

In number, Year 1 are currently improving understanding of missing number and balanced equations; they will move forward to reinforce knowledge of number bonds to 10 and 20 which should be instantly recalled. Reception children will also work on missing number equations, with number within 10. Children in this age group will also learn number bonds to 10. Within the coming term, reception children will also work on weighing and measure. Nursery children are working on counting up to 10 and back and will learn to associate numerals with the numbers to 10, ascribing the correct number to a group of items.

This topic lends itself to an exploration of floating and sinking, and of waterproofing. We shall investigate all of these properties and will also examine flora and fauna in the school environment. The children will also study the life of Grace Darling as a relevant historical figure and will look at the Farne Islands as a geographical feature.