



## Class 1 Autumn 2 Curriculum Letter

Welcome back! It is going to be an extremely busy time in Class One as we approach the end of the first term.

### Class Routines

We will be replacing our Forest School sessions with PE on a **Thursday** therefore it is important that a PE kit is in school on this day and it is **named**. Please bring it in and leave it on your child/children's peg and then take home to wash at the end of the half term. This will help to ensure that everyone has their kit in school. A PE kit should contain:

- Black shorts
- White T-shirt
- Plimsoles/trainers (for any outdoor PE)
- Tracksuit top/jumper
- Tracksuit/jogging bottoms

Some children have shown excellent independence coming in, registering themselves, changing their reading books and starting an activity. As we are starting the second term of the year it would be great if we could see some of the reception children coming into the cloakroom, putting water bottles in the correct place and registering without adult support. This ultimately helps to support their independence and allows us to get the children's learning off to a flying start in the morning! However, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff if you need to inform us of anything.

### Reading

Children in Class 1 read twice a week to a member of staff. It is important that these skills are consolidated at home. Children should be aiming to read about 3/4 times a week at home, those children who do read at home generally make

better reading progress than those who don't. A member of staff will usually acknowledge children have read at home by initialling or writing a comment.

*"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."*

### Our Curriculum

This half term we will be exploring our topic 'Magical Moments'. We will be having lots of new learning experiences across the curriculum such as exploring people and events beyond living memory like Guy Fawkes and Bonfire Night, The Great Fire of London and Florence Nightingale. Our Science will explore everyday materials and what they can be used for. In computing, we will be learning about word processing and multimedia. Our RE will focus on 'Big Questions' about the world, other religious festivals such as Diwali and Advent. Our Art and DT will focus on designing and evaluating products that we make.

In English the children will continue with their phonics teaching as they begin to apply sounds they are learning and begin building a variety of sentence lengths across both Reception and Y1. We will be basing our book on Nick Butterworth's 'One Snowy Night'. This will link in with our joint school trip to Danby National Park Centre with Sessay School. Our Maths learning will focus on developing our number knowledge, in particular, securing number recognition of 0-20. We will be investigating addition and subtraction this term and continue to develop our knowledge of number bonds.

Many thanks,

Mr. Barwick