



## Class 1 Spring 2 Curriculum Letter

### Class Routines

We are now back doing Forest Schools this half term on Thursday afternoons. Our other PE day is Monday. Please try to ensure the children have appropriate clothing for these days. As you may know already Mrs Warriner has joined our team in Class One and will be working Monday and Wednesday mornings as well as a full day on Tuesday until the summer. Mrs Collins will now be working Thursday's and Friday's. Many of the children will know Mrs Warriner and we are delighted for her to be able to take over from Ms. Lenney who now has a new job working in Further Education.

### 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."***

As part of the school's plan to develop reading and phonics skills and promote a real love of reading, Class 1 will be reintroducing our 'Reading Monster!' Year One children will know about this from last year!

Every time a child reads at home with a parent/carer they will receive a 'ticket'. Therefore, if a child reads every night during a school week they will receive 5 tickets.

**The more tickets you get in the monster, the more likely you are to win!**

All the tickets for the week will go into our reading monster and a prize will be given to 3 children on a Friday during assembly. Once it has been drawn, all

tickets are then taken out and children will have the chance to get more tickets again the following week.

### **Y1 Spellings**

Spellings will be tested every Friday afternoon. These spellings will be sent out on a Monday where possible and will be focused on Common Exception Words.

### **Our Curriculum**

Our topic for this half term is Space. This will support areas including Science, History, Art, Design and Technology as well as our English and Maths learning. The children have already begun investigating other planets in our solar system and finding facts to build a fact file that we will be making to put into our own library to share with the rest of the school! We will also be learning about important individuals who have been to space such as Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake.

Many thanks,

Mr. Barwick