



Class 1 Newsletter
Autumn Term One 2020



Dear Parents

Welcome back to school – it has been lovely to see everyone after the long summer holiday and the exceptional circumstances that we have experienced this year. A very warm welcome to all our new pupils and parents to Hustwaite Primary School; we are very much looking forward to working with you. The children have already enjoyed investigating their classroom and the new additions to the outdoor area.

The title of our **Topic** for this half term is '**Ourselves**' and '**Home Sweet Home**'. Within this topic the children will investigate the local area and where they live. They will use Ariel photographs and maps, plus learn how to make their own simple maps and symbols. They will then look at a contrasting non-EU country and make comparisons.

In **Science** we will be looking at Seasonal Patterns and Change. Children will observe changes across the 4 seasons, as well as observe and describe the weather associated with the seasons and how the day length varies.

In **English** we will be focusing on our phonics work.

The Year 1 children will start with a thorough re-cap of phase 3 and phase 4 sounds and tricky words, before moving onto phase 5. Phase 5 sees the introduction of the alternative ways of writing (graphemes) the sounds already learnt. For example, the sound ee can be written as ea as in meat, ie as in thief and with a letter in the middle as in theme. The children will be learning how to correctly form and punctuate sentences within these sessions.

Children in the Early Years Foundation Stage will initially take part in some early phonics work to develop their listening, vocabulary and speaking skills. This will include activities such as listening walks, action songs, learning rhymes and playing games such as I spy. We will then begin learning 'sounds' with lots of blending practise. Children will be grouped according to their needs.

Our texts for this half term are initially concentrating on children's emotional health and well being and so will include The Colour Monster and Ruby's Worry. We will then use more topic based texts as a stimulus for writing.

In **Maths** we will start with lots of number recognition and place value work before moving onto addition later in the half term. There will be opportunities for maths, from our outdoor environment and continuous provision for all year groups.

In **RE** children will think about what it means to belong to a faith community. They will learn about the ways babies are welcomed into religions and the promises made at weddings. They will think about their own network of belonging and how we all belong to someone.

In **PSHE** children will learn about families and friendships and safe relationships.

Our **PE** lessons will be on Tuesday afternoons. Depending on the weather and activity, the sessions will take place either in our school hall or outside on the playground / school field. Please ensure that your child has both an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school which is clearly labelled with their name. **There is no Forest School this half term.** However, on Friday afternoons, the children will have an additional PE session outside, but this is very much weather dependent.

Homework

Reception / Nursery

At Husthwaite we are now using Evidence Me to capture the children's learning. Photos and information are uploaded and will be regularly sent out to parents. Parents will be able to contribute to their child's portfolio with any home learning once this aspect has been set up. Sounds and reading books will follow for **Reception** children as we progress through the phonics scheme. Please could you sign or initial in their reading record book when they have read to you.

Yr1 – In addition to reading at home, the children will receive weekly spellings to learn each Friday which will then be tested the following Friday. They will also bring home a news diary in which to record their activities and achievements. This could be a picture of what they have been doing with some key words or photographs. They can then write about this on Monday mornings when they first come into school.

Reading

Once the Reception children start learning their sounds, they will be read with 1-1 twice per week starting with sound recognition and blending practise before moving onto books.

Y1 children will be read with once 1-1 and will participate in one guided reading session per week. The children will have their books changed each week after reading with a member of staff and practising their book at home.

Please can children bring a pair of wellies to school to use in the outdoor area. We go out in all weathers and like to get muddy playing in the new mud kitchen and water area!!! For this reason, children need to bring a coat each day.

Sharing Assembly

Please join our sharing assembly every Friday via Zoom to celebrate the children's achievements. Details of times etc will follow. As always, if there is anything you wish to discuss we are always available, please pop in!

Many Thanks,
Mrs Jackson and the Class One Team 😊