



Class 1 Newsletter
Autumn Term One 2021



Dear Parents

Welcome back to school – it has been lovely to see everyone after the long summer holiday. A very warm welcome to all our new pupils and parents to Husthwaite 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 '**A day in the life**' and '**Once upon a time...**'. Within this topic we will ask the question; 'What was it like when your grandparents went to school'? We will investigate changes over time and find out about schools, toys and entertainment linked to this era.

In addition to this, the reception and nursery children will be immersed in language and story telling through our 'Traditional Tales' topic. There will be lots of opportunities for role play and using the children's interests as a stimulus.

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

The Year 1 children will start with a thorough re-cap of phase 2 and 3. There is still lots of work to do on our phase 3 sounds and it is very important your child practices these regularly at home. All the sounds will be in their phonics book. There will be lots of segmenting and blending of words throughout phase 4, as well as learning tricky words. Children will then move 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 will include The Colour Monster, various Traditional Tales, Non-Fiction books comparing life when Granny was born to life now, as well as seasonal stories surrounding Harvest and other festivals. Topic based texts will be used as a stimulus for writing.

In **PSHCE**, we will ask the question, 'What is the same and different about us'? This covers what they like/dislike and are good at, what makes them special and how everyone has different strengths, how their personal features or qualities are unique to them, how they are similar or different to others, and what they have in common.

In **Science** we will be looking at the topic of 'Ourselves' which links with our PSHCE topic. In particular we will focus on healthy eating. Autumn is also a lovely time to look at seasonal patterns and change.

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

In **RE** our theme is; '**Which stories are special and why**'? Children will become familiar with the idea that some books are holy books. They will learn stories from and about holy books, including stories about Jesus and Prophet Muhammad. The children are given opportunities to retell the stories in a variety of ways and look at how some religious stories are similar and how they differ.

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. Our **Forest School** starts in the Spring term for class 1. However, on Friday afternoons, the children will have an additional PE session outside, but this is very much weather dependent. We also have some Hall time on a Monday after lunch for an activity session.

Homework -

Reception / Nursery

At Husthwaite we are 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 begin to 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.

Notes

Please make sure your child has a sun hat (if hot) and water bottle in school each day. Could we also request that your child brings 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. Similarly, we have to keep

the classrooms well ventilated with doors and windows open, so please can your child bring a school jumper each day too.

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 just ask!

Many Thanks,
Mrs Jackson and the Class One Team