



14<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a lovely summer break. It has been lovely getting to know the children this last week. The Year 1 children have been fantastic supporting the Reception children settle into their new routines.

**Curriculum-** This term, our topic is 'journeys' and we will be look at the story of 'The Train Ride' by June Crebbin. We will be exploring different journeys such as our families and starting school, people who help us and what we wish to be when we grow up. Our key concepts this term are belief, resilience, fear and freedom.



In Maths, we will be focusing on place value to 10, one more and one less than, and addition and subtraction.

We have introduced a new phonics scheme this year called 'Little Wandle'. In phonics we will be consolidating our 'phase 3' sounds and tricky words. We will be re- assessing the children and continue to build on their understanding.

A 'knowledge organiser' which will contain more curriculum content will be sent to you in the next few weeks.

**Seesaw-** Your child has a 'Seesaw' account which can be accessed at home. A letter containing login details will be inside your child's reading record. Please check seesaw regularly, we will be using this to send out homework.

**Homework-** We will be sending out 'Rainbow Spellings' for your child to practise on Seesaw every Friday. Please keep an eye out for these and support your child with practising their spellings at home.

**Reading-** Once the children's phonic knowledge has been assessed, we'll begin to send home reading books. All books sent home will be very closely matched your child's phonic learning within school and will be fully decodable. This means that your child won't encounter sounds within words that they haven't been taught yet. When reading at home with your child, the focus will be on their fluency, expression and understanding of the text. We will share more details regarding this before reading books are sent home with the children.

**Library Books-** The children will choose two free choice library books to take home to share with their families. These can be read to the children and enjoyed with others. The children can bring these back to exchange them for new library books as soon as they have finished them.

**PE-** Our PE days are Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please send your child to school in their correct PE kits on these days.



### What to bring to school

Water Bottles- Please send your child into school with a named water bottle every day. Please note these should only contain **water**.

Appropriate clothing - If it is hot, please make sure your child has a **sun hat** and **sun cream** is applied before they come to school. Likewise, please make sure your child has a **coat** in school every day as the weather can be unpredictable. Your child also needs to have a pair of **wellie boots** so that they can access learning on the school field, it may be easier for these to stay in school. Please make sure that all items of clothing are **named**.

### Book Bags

We ask the children to keep this in their tray in the classroom so reading books, library books and reading diaries can be quickly accessed to read when required or to change their books.

I am really looking forward to working with your child this year. If you have any questions or concerns, please come, and speak to me.

Many Thanks,

Mrs. MacLennan



