



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely summer and managed to catch a little sunshine. The children seem to be in good form: refreshed and eager. They certainly have made an excellent start to Y1. Below are a few notes about this term.

### **P.E**

For this term P.E is on a Tuesday afternoon and a Thursday morning. Could children please have a P.E kit in school for those days? Our uniform is a white t shirt and black shorts/joggers. Long hair should be tied up and jewellery removed please.

### **Maths and English**

In maths we will be spotting the patterns in numbers. We will also be learning to add and subtract with objects and by using a number line. We will also begin to measure length using a ruler.

Reading continues to be a priority. Children have now moved on to learning phase 3 and 5 phonemes in phonics which will help them to read and spell unfamiliar words. Please support your child's reading by listening to them read for a short time each day. Your child will read in school individually and as part of a shared read.

Children have writing opportunities each day. We ask the children to have a go at writing using their phonic knowledge and using the key words they know.

### **Topic**

The topic for this term is 'The Weird and Wonderful Woods'. We look at the different parts of trees and flowering plants and begin to name some of them. We will base the work around stories set in woods or forests. Using a simple map of our school we will begin to use symbols to locate trees in our school. We will find out about Robin Hood the work of William Caxton.

After the half term holidays our topic changes to 'Huff and Puff'. The topic is based around traditional tales. For science we will be looking at materials and consider the best material for building a house that the wolf cannot blow down! We will continue our map work by making our own story village map. For our history activities we will look at Hucknall and compare the features in Hucknall to those in the story village.

If there is anything you would like to discuss please don't hesitate to pop in. After school is better, although I do know that sometimes it is necessary to talk to us in the morning and that is fine. I am around (Lizzie Downs) or Miss Campbell, the teaching assistant for the class is also able to help. Tuesday morning is my PPA time and the class will be covered by Miss Matthews.

Thank you for your support!

Lizzie Downs

Class Teacher.