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Year 1 - Class Newsletter - Autumn Term 1 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very big welcome to everyone! We have had a brilliant start to the Autumn term and the children are getting used to the expectations and change in structure we have in Year 1. The team in Year 1 this year are -



Mrs. Thorpe (Monday-Wednesday)



Miss. Kinkead (Thursday-Friday)



Mrs. Hall



Mrs. Thompson



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Mrs. Gardner

The best time to catch us is just before or after school.

Topic

Over this term we will start our topic of houses and homes. We are going to begin our topic by looking at different homes. We will learn about lots of different homes and discuss what the children's homes look like and who lives in them. As well as this we will be walking to Poundbury where we will go to a building site. This topic will lead us into learning about different types of homes such as Castles. Through this imaginative topic the children will be writing creative stories. We hope to arrange a visit to a castle, the date of which I will let you know as soon as everything is confirmed.

We will also be cooking a range of foods this year so if your child has any new allergies that the school are not aware of please do tell us.

Reading

All of the children now have a reading log which we will write in during group reading. At the beginning of the log there is a numbered page where we will write the group reading book your child will have every week. On the opposite page you will see space to write the date and comment. Why not pay a visit to your local library as well as the school library? Reading a range of books really promotes a love of reading. At least one adult will read with your child each week and write a comment about things that they did well and support that might have been needed. Please feel free to write in the boxes following this any books you read with your child. It is not one week a page so we will just be following on.

As well as a group reading book, your child will be able to take out one information book (around the outside of the library) and one story book. At the moment, all children should be choosing this from the blue stickered 'trees' part of the library which is the boxes in the main part of the library. In our group reading sessions each week your child will change their library books. You can also change them in the mornings or after school by scanning their name in the book next to the computer.

We strongly encourage all children to read to parents/siblings everyday to help with their progress with reading. It is also essential that the children bring their books and reading log book into school every day.



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Healthy Living

It has been fantastic seeing so many children enjoying the hot dinners being offered. It is also nice to see so many children with labelled drinks bottles. We do say that children should only bring water in these bottles and these will be filled up when needed. As well as water we also like to see healthy **fruit snacks** for break time.

Going home

If your child goes home with a different family member or friend on a regular basis please write this on the small whiteboard by the quiet room.

Home learning

It has been great to see the children bringing in favourite objects. We would encourage the children to bring in things that they are proud of that they have made or written. This could link with any of our subjects. We also have WOW moments that we share with the class daily and praise through stickers and their work going on the WOW wall for the week. The WOW moments can be found on the wall outside the classroom door.

Rewards

In the class the children are given 'hoots' for following our class charter and showing qualities of our 7 DASP caterpillars. We use Mr Potato head as a whole class reward, when the class are working together making the right choices they get a piece of Mr Potato head and then can vote for a class reward.

Class Charter

Last week the children worked together to decide their Rights and Responsibilities as a learner. For example- **We have the right to learn, so we have the responsibility to concentrate, try our hardest and not distract others.** This will be on display soon in our classroom.

Dates for your diary

- 29th September Harvest (9.20am will be our harvest celebration assembly and 2.30pm Harvest Cafe)
- Poundbury building site Thursday 5th October (morning only).
- Friday 13th November- Class Assembly and Children in Need
- Parent consultation evenings- Tuesday 17th 3pm-5pm Mrs Thorpe. Thursday 19th 5.30pm-8pm Miss Kinhead

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. B Thorpe and Miss K. Kinhead
Year 1 Class Teachers



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