

## WELCOME TO CLASS 1!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely summer but I imagine you are thrilled to see your little ones come back to school this week. I am really excited to be back and am looking forward to getting to know your children and all you parents/carers as we work together this year!

Just wanted to let you know a few general things about class 1. In PE, indoor PE will be done on a Monday with outdoor PE on a Friday. Homework and spellings will go out every Monday and be expected back in the following Monday for us to look at, test and hand out the new stuff. Please ensure that your child brings this book in every Monday!

We will read with all of the children once or twice a week if possible where they'll be able to change their books too. This will be as well as their daily 'Read Write inc' sessions where they will practise speed sounds, read a range of books and work on understanding texts. Please take every opportunity to read with your child at home too, not just their school reading books either, anything!

Towards the end of the year, every child will be undertaking a Phonics Screening Check. This will be a reading test where the children will be asked to read a selection of 40 real and alien words. More about that later on in the year though! However, you can buy the set 2 and 3 speed sounds that we will be using in our 'Read Write inc' sessions if you wish, to help your child progress in both reading and writing. I have found them fairly cheap (£10ish) on amazon and parents that bought them last year were very complementary of having a set at home to practise with!

Lastly, as a teacher, I really like to promote independence in year 1. I find that allowing the children to organise and do things themselves really helps them to take responsibility and get into good habits. The quicker the children can come into the class by themselves and sort themselves out, the better!

I will be available both before and after school most days so if you have any issues or just want to catch up about something, please grab me as and when! However, if you do wish to make an appointment to meet with me, I am happy to arrange this too! If I am not aware of an issue, I cant help so please come and talk to me if there is a problem!

I am sure we will have a great year and I look forward to meeting you all in person at some point!

☺ Mr Walne ☺