

# Welcome Back!

## Autumn Term 2 in Class 1

Please continue to send in cardboard boxes, tubes, plastic bottles and lids for our junk modelling 😊

### Height and Weight Checks for Reception children

An NHS nurse visits school every year to check Reception and Year 6 children's height and weight. They will be in school to complete these checks this half term on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**. A member of school staff will accompany the Reception children to their check, which usually takes place in the school library.

### Homework

Now that the children are fully settled, we will be setting regular "homework" tasks for the children to complete and we will change/remove/add activities where appropriate.

#### Year R Homework Activities:

- Name cubes and name writing practise (letter formation)
- Speed Sounds Book
- Reading Book
- Red Word Keyring
- Maths Seeds and Reading Eggs.

#### Year 1 Homework Activities:

- Reading Book/ RWI Book
- Spellings
- Maths Seeds and Reading Eggs
- Number bonds to 10 activity

By no means do we expect that each activity is completed every day. However, reading books should always be prioritised. We suggest choosing 1 other activity to complete. 10-15 minutes in total per day is more than adequate and will really support your child's confidence and progress. Please don't forget to record comments of activities completed in the daily slots in your child's Home-to-School Diary. Reading books will only be changed if parents comment that the book has been read in the diary. Unfortunately, we don't have an endless supply of reading books and if it hasn't been read there is no need to provide another until it has.

Book bags should be brought into school **every day**. We recommend that homework packs, reading books and Home-to-School Diaries are kept in bags as we use certain homework resources in school also.

### Class Dojo

We will continue to send topical updates and observations of the children's learning on Dojo. Please do remember to check the app for messages and also to see all of the fun we are having! Also, please feel free to add any photos or comments of your child's experiences outside school. We love to share in their wider learning!

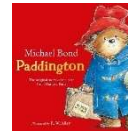


### Topics and Themes

Our topic this half term is



Our key texts are:



This half term we will be learning all about toys! We will be looking at how toys have changed over time and will be comparing materials that are used to make toys today, to those in the past. We will be finding out about who invented the teddy bear, comparing old and new bears and even having a go at making our own teddy puppet! We will host our own 'Teddy Bears' Picnic' to which we hope to invite along some special guests!

Running alongside our topic, we will be working hard to rehearse Class One's Nativity play. provisional date for the Nativity is **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** and we will keep you posted with any changes to this.

In addition to our successful Beamish Trip we have lots of lovely enrichment activities to look forward to including Children in Need on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, the library van visit, a trip to the Hexham Pantomime on December 18<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Crafts with Ange and Class Christmas Parties. Its going to be a busy but exciting half term!

Our PE sessions with Ben continue on a Wednesday and Lucy on a Thursday so PE need to be in school for these days please.

### Curriculum Info Event for Parents

Having analysed the information received from our survey it appears that the most convenient date for the majority is **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**. I will send another link on Dojo this week and I would be grateful if could you please indicate if you will be attending or not. This event is for **both** Reception and Year 1 Parents.

### Parents Evening Follow Up

You should all have received a copy of the end of year expectations for your child at your parents evening appointment. At the end of this half term, your child will receive next step targets stuck into their Reading Diaries to help inform you of their progress and what we will be focussing on in school in the new year.

### Forest School

Class One have 2 Forest School Sessions this half term. The dates are:

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

Can we please request that the children bring in warm and appropriate clothing on the day. We find that a school jumper and a thin waterproof is just not warm enough particularly during winter months. An additional hoodie/fleece and warm joggers/ leggings are ideal to put underneath their waterproof clothing. We will do our very best to make sure that the children wrapped up as warm as possible with clothing sent in from home. Hats, gloves and scarves are also encouraged on Forest School day. We respectfully request that all items of clothing are initialled or named.

### Key Dates

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November**-Children in Need & Paddy McGuinness visit.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**- Class One Parents' Curriculum Info Evening

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November**- Class One Forest School

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**- Scholastic Book Fair

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**- Class One Nativity performance TBC

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**- Whole School trip to Hexham Pantomime.