

# Year 1 Newsletter

## Welcome to Year 1!

We would like to start by saying a huge big welcome to Year 1, we hope that the children have enjoyed their first few weeks with us, we have already fitted in so much! We have certainly enjoyed getting to know them a little better and we are all looking forward to the term ahead. Thank you to all parents and carers for being so supportive of our first couple of weeks. The move up to Year 1 can be a big step for children but all the children have settled in wonderfully. We want to share with you what the children will be learning over the next half term and outline key events and dates.

## Core subjects

**In Maths**, we will be covering place value of numbers to 20 then 100, counting in 2's, 5's and 10's, addition of numbers to 20 and subtraction of numbers to 20.

**In English**, we will be Reading 'But Why Can't I?' by Sue Graves and the 'The Highway Rat' by Julia Donaldson and then lots of writing tasks from this. We will be describing using adjectives, writing full sentences and punctuating them correctly. We will be learning about different types of writing; speech bubbles, letters, instructions and stories as well as our weekly news about what we have done at the weekend. We will be perfecting our handwriting and reading our writing back to check it makes sense, trying our best to write really super sentences that are clear, accurate and interesting!

**In Science**, our topic is Everyday Materials, we will be planning and carrying out experiments and designing and making things to help us.

## Wider Curriculum

**Geography**- the local area, exploring Pontefract, using maps, keys and symbols.

**History**- local history including a visit to Pontefract Castle and then exploring heroes and villains from our past and comparing them (Robin Hood and local highwayman James Nevison)

**Art**- Sketching and painting and then exploring the artist Freidensreich Hundertwasser

**DT**- Designing and making a coat for the 'Highway Rat'

**RE**-Christianity

**Computing**-Internet Safety and ICT skills

**PE**- Dance with Elite and outdoor/indoor games

**PSHCE**- Rule and routines

**Homework** We begin official weekly homework after Christmas, a weekly Literacy and Numeracy but for now the following will be sent each week...

**-Reading** -please try to listen to your child read at least twice, send reading diaries and books into school each day.

- **Rainbow Passport** – this will be tested 1:1 with Mrs Fulcher each week. We will eventually begin to test this as a whole class twice a week. We will update as this happens.
- **Spellings and Phonics**- we will send home the sounds we learn in phonics each week for you to practice. This will begin in the next couple of weeks.
- **Half termly topic homework**- please see the attached letter

Any problems or concerns then please don't hesitate to see a member of the Y1 team and we will be more than happy to help, we look forward to getting to know you all.



## P.E.

**-Tuesday pm**

**-Wednesday pm**

Please ensure the correct kit is sent into school and left on pegs all week. Kit that is labelled with names is even more helpful for changing times!

## How you can help your child:

- Listen to them read as much as possible and talk about what they have read, read a range of books, stories and comics at home.

-Practise their weekly phonics and have a go at putting them into sentences too.

-Practise Rainbow Passports

- Practise writing numbers to 100.

-Learn to count in 2's, 5's and 10's.

## Key dates:

- **Key Stage One Welcome Meeting Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 6.00pm**

- **Trip to Pontefract Castle Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September**