



Class 1 Newsletter
Autumn Term 1 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 1! I have been very excited to welcome all your lovely children into the class. I have heard such wonderful things about them from Miss Mayfield and look forward to seeing how your child will progress within Year 1. The year ahead will be fantastic with a new curriculum, continuous provision resources and more exciting opportunities.

The teaching assistant team involved within Year 1 are Mrs Crofts and Mrs Joseph. On Tuesdays, I will spend time out the class (PPA) and therefore the children will be taught by Mrs Crofts. As a team, we will ensure that the children will make fond memories amongst their peers and will enjoy their learning.

General Information:

Snacks and Water: Please ensure that your child brings water in their labelled drinking bottles and that they have a healthy snack for afternoon play. If they bring it in a snack pot, please ensure these are named. No crisps, chocolate or sweets please.

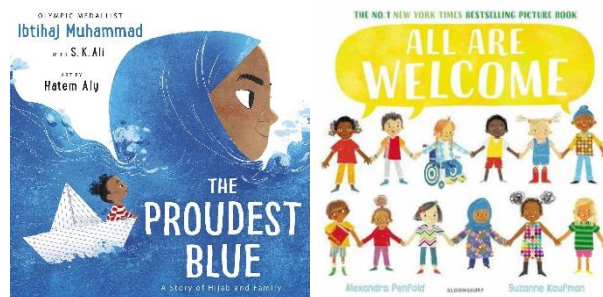
Homework: The children will receive a paper copy of a homework grid to be completed over the duration of half-term. There are lots of different homework activities which are related to our learning this half-term. The children can choose their homework tasks from the grid and complete it over the next few weeks. I will be asking them to bring their completed work into school on Monday 16th October. The children will have the opportunity to showcase their work to the rest of the class. Spellings, reading and phonics sound practise is expected and compulsory each week.

Below is some information about Autumn 1 in Class 1:

English:

Our English this half-term will be influenced by the stories 'The Proudest Blue' by Ibtihaj Muhammad and S. K. Ali and 'All Are Welcome' by Alexandra Penfold.

The whole school for the first two weeks of the academic year will be focusing on 'The Proudest Blue'. The book promotes diversity and being proud of your identity. In Year 1, we will be looking at how the characters may feel and how to be accepting of others with differences. After class discussions, the children will have the opportunity to write sentences and we will recap sentence structures from EYFS. The continuous provision, art and PSHE lessons will be linked closely with this theme.



Following this, we will look closely at the story 'All Are Welcome'. Until the end of the half-term, the children will learn the features of a letter and will eventually write a letter to a friend.

The children will be tested on their spellings every Friday. Please can you make sure your child practices their spellings beforehand. I have sent out a hard copy of the spellings for the entire half-term and I will send regular reminders on Yammer.

Every Monday, the children should all come home with two reading books that is matched to their book band. It is expected that the children do at least 3 reads per week with an adult. Each child will also have the opportunity to go to the school library and choose books to read for pleasure over the half-term. In KS1, please use the reading records continuously and sign in your child's diary when you have read with them. I will be keeping a record of how many reads your child has completed each week as it is crucial for their progress in Year 1. After you have read at home, remember to pop their



reading diary and books back into their bag ready for the next day as the children have the opportunity to read to a member of staff at school.

Maths: The Maths learning follows the White Rose Maths scheme, which ties in with the New Primary Curriculum. Key mathematical concepts covered this term include place value, addition and subtraction.

Geography Geography is the driver subject for this half-term. The children will be introduced to mapping skills. They will follow a map around school and the local area, finding things along the way.

Science: In Science the children will be learning about 'Everyday Materials'. This involves learning about the difference between an object and the material from which it is made and identifying and naming a variety of everyday materials.

Art: Art this half-term will focus on the work of Yayoi Kusama. We will be learning about the artist and her fantastic artwork.

Computing: We will be looking at online safety and exploring following the scheme from Purple Mash.

PE: PE sessions will continue to be on a Thursday and Friday and will be delivered by our specialised PE coaches.

R.E.: In R.E. we will be finding answers to the big question 'What do Christians believe God is like?'

PSHE: Within PSHE, we will be learning how to: form respectful relationships with others, deal with conflict and bullying and the importance of challenging stereotypes.

Music: This half-term, the children will be recognising and understanding the difference between pulse and rhythm in Music.

Finally, if require any further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to message me on Viva Engage (previously known as Yammer) or alternatively email me at ecdennis@woodsfoundation.notts.sch.uk. I am always very happy to help. 😊

Kindest Regards,
Miss Craig-Dennis