



Y1 Nile Class Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our topic this term is “**Let’s Celebrate**”. For year one this will include learning about how we and others can celebrate events and festivals.

In English along with the basics of phonics and reading, writing, spelling and speaking and listening, we will focus on lists, recounts, instructions and stories. **Maths** will be in line with the National Curriculum, working on number, counting, calculations, shape, space and measure. We shall be continuing to use the *Numicon* scheme of work throughout school. **In science** we shall look at seasonal change, weather, senses and the human body. **In History** we look at events we commemorate like Bonfire night and Remembrance Day and the meaning behind these. **In Geography** we shall locate on world maps where celebrations take place. During the term we shall also explore religious and cultural celebrations including Diwali, Hanukkah, Harvest and Christmas. **In computing** alongside developing general computer skills, we shall be finding out about logging on to the school system, accessing and using word or picture banks and using *Phonics play* and other education sites. The **PHSCE** themes we will be exploring will be linked to “*Me, myself and I*”, new beginnings, getting on and falling out and looking at our school rules and principles. Our class Christian value is KINDNESS. Other subjects in our weekly curriculum are **Art and Design and Technology**, these will also be linked to our Celebration topic. **PE** takes place twice a week and this term we will be focussing on Gymnastics and Multi skills. The children will also have opportunities to work in the various areas, role play parties, home life and be creative.

Clothes or equipment

Please make sure your child has a PE kit in school. This should consist of a white/purple t-shirt, black or navy shorts or joggers and pumps. We will have PE outdoors on occasions so a warm top is useful. As always, please make sure that everything is labelled and placed in a named bag. We prefer kit to stay in school for the full half term. It can be washed in the half term holiday! It is very helpful if you can provide a named water bottle for your child. These are refilled every morning and can go home at the weekend for washing. If you want your child to have milk, please go onto “Cool Milk Limited”, if you didn’t register last year, the office can give you more details.

How you can help

Regular reading with your child is vital in Year 1. This should be a short session of about 10 minutes at least three times a week to enable your child to practise their phonic skills and to recognise tricky words by sight. Please date and sign your child’s reading record so that we know they have read their home reading book. These will be changed regularly along with a library book. If you have a problem with books, speak to one of the staff.

You will receive a separate homework leaflet with details about our big homework project this half term and ideas for other activities you can do together with your child at home. Please remember the most important homework you can do with your child is to read regularly together, practising phonics and spelling and to learn their number facts from the Maths passport.

We are always interested in how children are getting on with their learning at home and want to work with you to keep your child safe, happy and learning well. Feel free to arrange to see us by catching us at the start or end of the day or by asking at the office to make an appointment.

We look forward to working with you and your child this year. Please ask if you have any queries about this year.

There will be a transition meeting for Year 1 parents on **Monday 17th September at 5.30pm**, where parents will have the opportunity to ask questions.

Thank you we look forward to working with your child this year.

The Year 1 staff

Staff working in class this half term	PE Days	Reading book day	Spelling day	Library book day
<p>Jess Miller (Teacher) Monday and Tuesday Susie Hopkins, Marcelle Maver (Teacher) Wednesday, Thursday and Friday <i>Mrs Sue Bennett will be in teaching, while Mrs Hopkins is off ill.</i></p> <p>Sue Strange -all day all week. Lyanne Turner - mornings only -all week.</p>	<p>Mondays and Wednesdays</p>	<p>Every day</p>	<p>Phonics every day. Your child will bring home a phonics sheet for you to revise with them.</p>	<p>Tuesday</p>