

# KS1 Newsletter September 2021



Hello and welcome back to a new school year. All the children in Key Stage one have made a really positive start and look very smart in their uniforms. This letter will hopefully answer a lot of the questions you may have about how things work in Key Stage One. If you have any further queries then please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Our topic this half term will be "Farm to Fork." Children will be learning about which food comes from animals and which comes from plants. They will also learn about farming methods and where in the world their food comes from. We will move on to learn about which foods and exercises keep us fit and healthy. To support this we will be having a trip to Keelham Farm Shop in Skipton on the 22nd September. You should already have received a Ping message about this.

## Home Reading

We have been assessing all the children this week and they will be put onto a coloured book band based on their reading ability. Each child will then be given 3 new books for the week every Monday morning. These 3 books will be swapped the following Monday (but may be taken from the book bag on a Friday) Children with longer texts may only receive one or two books. Please try and find time to read these books with your child throughout the week. Please don't worry that your child's books are "too easy" if they are able to read the words fluently. Children will be reassessed frequently to make sure they are reading appropriate books. It is important to ask your child lots of questions about the books they read. Try to ask questions that can be answered by finding the answer in the text (retrieval) and questions that can only be answered by interpreting the text eg explaining why a character behaves in a certain way (inference). Your child will bring home a reading record book for you to sign and write any comments in.

## Reading for pleasure

We are promoting reading for pleasure in school so if your child reads their own comics/library books/own books from home then please encourage this and these can be written into their reading record as well as their school reading books.

Children may also bring a favourite book/comic/magazine etc from home to keep in their tray so that when we have time to read in class they have access to a book they have chosen themselves.

## Book bags/Water bottles/uniform

Please send book bags and water bottles **every** day. Uniform (especially jumpers and cardigans) **must** be named to avoid them being lost.

## Homework

### Maths

At the start of each new maths unit children will bring home a booklet. This will let you know what we are learning about in class and will give chance for children to consolidate the skills at home. Please go through this booklet with your child to make sure they understand the concepts and help them if they need it. The children also have some learn by heart targets for this half term:

Year 1—know the number bonds of 5 (0+5, 1+ 4 etc)

Year 2—know the number bonds of 10 and 20.

By the end of KS1 (end of year 2) all children need to try and learn the number facts for the 2,3,5 and 10 times table off by heart too.

### Spellings

Children will bring home a set of spellings to learn each Friday. The children will be tested on these the following Friday. We will also be practising these in class.

### Year 2

Later in the year some year 2 children will also start bringing home comprehension and arithmetic activities.

## Phonics

Children will be split into groups for phonics and may be taught by an adult different to their normal class teacher.

Each child will bring a phonics book home on a Friday. They will have been reading this book in phonic sessions during the week so it is their chance to show off how well they can read it at home. Please make sure these phonics books are returned to book bags as they will be exchanged the following Friday.

## KS1 Staff

Willow Class—Mr Daft, Mr Shaw, Mrs Ahmed

Maple Class—Miss Hussain, Mrs Dale

Plum Class - Mrs Foulds, Mrs Afsar, Mrs Goodman, Mrs Inman