

## Welcome to Year 1

The summer holidays are over and we have already had a busy few days in Year 1! We have lots of exciting learning to look forward to, including our new topic all about our school and our new science topic 'Who am I?' We are also going to be doing lots of exciting DT work this term and art work based on Joan Miro.

The staff working with your children this year are myself (Mrs Geary), Mrs Foster and Ms Brussels.

### Numeracy:

- ★ In Maths we will be learning about:
  - Number, place value and rounding
  - Measurement
  - Addition and subtraction

We have a weekly times tables test on a Friday.

- ★ This year it is really important that we learn our 1, 2, 5 and 10 times tables. It would be great if you could practise these at home too as it will help to improve the maths that the children can do in school. Please keep your child's times table sheets at home to practise.

### Literacy:

- ★ We will be continuing with our reading programme Read, Write, Inc where the children will continue to learn their speed sounds, we ask them to remember to use their knowledge of their sounds when they are reading at home too. Individual reading books will be sent home on a Friday, please fill in the home/school reading diary and let me know if your child finds their books easy, difficult or just right! You may find that your child brings home a book they have already read. This is because the focus is on comprehension and understanding. Your child should be able to read their book with little assistance to decode.
- ★ We have a weekly spelling test on a Friday. It is really important that the children learn the spellings that are sent home because they are common exception words and words with sounds that they need to know by the end of Year 1. We ask them to remember that it isn't just about getting the spellings right for the spelling test; their writing will improve greatly if they remember the correct spelling of words and sounds in other writing too.

Other:

- ★ We have PE every Thursday. Please make sure that your child has their full PE kit in school with them. Your child will get changed in school for PE.
- ★ Please remember that earrings are not allowed in school and hair needs to be tied back at all times.
- ★ Please provide your child with a water bottle that can be refilled each day.
- ★ Please make sure that all clothes, shoes, book bags and packed lunches are labelled with your child's name.
- ★ Homework will be sent home on Friday (Literacy, Maths, spellings, times tables and reading books). Please bring completed homework back by Wednesday.
- ★ As the children are now in Year 1 we try to encourage greater independence and responsibility. Please allow your child to come into class independently.
- ★ Finally, please provide your child with a book bag to keep their homework in. You can buy these from school or provide your own.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to pop into class after school or if this isn't convenient please just ask and we can arrange a time that is.