

# Curriculum Newsletter

## Summer Term ~Class 1~Reception

So that you feel clear about the teaching and learning intentions for Summer Term 2023, please enjoy this overview, we hope that you find it helpful ...

Hello there,

This term our theme will be 'Off on an Adventure'! The children enjoyed exploring themes through quality texts, so we will continue with this approach this term.

The children will begin by looking at all aspects of journeys and finding out about bears - I bet you can guess one of our key texts from those clues.

Here are some of the curriculum areas that we will cover:

- **Communication and Language:** We will be refining listening skills, making sure that we listen carefully and trying to listen to a story without pictures. We will be speaking in such a way that the listener understands the details and we will take turns in conversations. We will try to use correct pronouns when speaking about characters.
- **Personal and Social:** We will be refining skills to help us to regulate when expressing our emotions. Building relationships with empathy and managing our own selves as part of 'Team Eagle'.
- **English:** Moving onto phase 4 phonics where we blend sounds together to read longer words such as l-o-s-t or s-p-r-i-ng. We will continue reading our new books which are carefully chosen to help your child to read using their phonics. We will be attempting to write more than one sentence in our writing books when writing very simple stories and factual writing.
- **Maths:** We will be using numbers up to 20 and beyond. Making links between 'number thinking' and using numbers to add, subtract, as well as problem solving including money and measures. As well as repeating patterns and understanding the properties and features of some 3D shapes.
- **Physical:** We will learn about how to keep safe and healthy, as well as being nice and clean too. We will develop our skills in being ready to learn. We will be refining our fine motor skills, developing muscle memory to writing letters and numbers, and getting physical with a lot of outdoor skills with Coach Ash.
- **Understanding the World:** We will be thinking about the environment around us and the types of animals that we can spot in or near school, as well as the animals that you might find in another place (eg Africa). We will also be thinking about how we learn through our senses.
- **Creative:** We will be refining our creative skills including colour mixing and choosing the correct colours for a purpose.

We can't wait to get started and share with you all the exciting learning we get up to through our DOJO posts, especially since Mr Leach will be joining Class 1 so we are looking forward to welcoming him to 'Team Eagle'.

Yours, Mrs Luddington, Ms Egan, Mr Hartnell and Mr Leach

### Reading Reminders:

In Class 1, we will change our school reading books on a **Wednesday**.

Your child will bring home 2 PHONICS BOOKS (most of which are brand new), to help them exercise their phonics knowledge through independent reading.

There will also be RAINBOW READING – an extra book selected for interest and reading for pleasure. This is not necessarily fully decodable, but you can read it together.

Thank you for your continuing support with reading.

### Messages:

This term, PE is on **Wednesday**. Please can we come to school ready for PE.

We do like to get outside, so please consider the weather. Very warm and may need sun lotion; a bit chilly may mean a warm jumper and long trousers. We never know what the weather will do!

Keep looking at the phonics sounds and keep your eye out for new key words which are coming soon, as we tackle phase 4 of phonics (blending consonants such as: clap or milk.)