

# Year 1, Summer 2016

## 'We Are Here Together'



### Welcome back for the summer term!

This term's creative curriculum is primarily about where we live and how we live within a family and community. As geographers, we will be exploring Netherfield by visiting the local allotments and as historians we will learn about how Netherfield has changed in living memory. We will also be looking at the local church to learn more about Christianity, and the British Isles and major cities. We will celebrate families and relationships through our SRE programme and will learn more about the role of our royal family to help commemorate Queen Elizabeth II's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. To support this history work we will be sending home the 'Family History Suitcase' as a show and tell opportunity.

As scientists, we will continue to explore the seasons by spotting plants and trees in our environment, watching our potatoes grow, and beginning to understand the importance of light and different light sources.

The children will have weekly drumming sessions now until the end of Year 1, as well as continuing to develop basic ICT skills. This term PE will focus on net and wall games, and later we will move on to track games ready for our end of year Sport's Day.

In Guided Reading, children will continue to be challenged at their reading level by the teacher. Phonics comprehension and reading skills will be reinforced at every opportunity throughout the day to help children aim for the Book Level 18 Year 1 target.

In English, children will work towards securing the Year 1 national expectations through the charming tale of The Bog Baby, from which they will develop themselves as writers of fantasy stories. We will also use the illustrations in this book to explore our art skills and learn more about Claude Monet and his passion for painting nature.

In Maths, we will be working hard on securing number and calculation skills in preparation for Year 2, with a focus on enhancing mental maths skills.

We are really excited about this term, and as always, please feel free to come in and speak with us if you have any requests, concerns or celebrations to share.

The Year 1 team

### Home Learning Projects

Firstly, well done and thank you to those families and children that put in such an incredible effort in researching and writing the Animal Alphabets. We know they were a challenge but they turned out looking just stunning, and were such a wonderful piece of work to show off at our end of spring term sharing. The children were thrilled that so many of you came along, so thank you again, as this really enables the children to be thoroughly proud of their achievements.

**Reading** is a whole school priority and the national expectation for children in Year 1 is to reach Book Level 18 by the end of the academic year. Please keep reading and recording home reads! We really want a Year 1 class to win the Annual Reading Super League this year for a special whole class reward to make pizzas at Frankie and Benny's. Last year Class 1 won and had a fabulous time!

### Reward Party

This term the class as a team must earn 100 stickers for using the school values, particularly during assembly and when lining up.

### Family History Suitcase

Each child will have the opportunity before the end of Year 1 to take home and fill our 'Family History Suitcase' with about 5 items from home: things that help us to discover more about your family history and home-life. Therefore, please begin to think about the items you might use, but don't send valuable items as we cannot guarantee their safety.



### Timetable

Monday afternoon- Drumming  
Wednesday afternoon – Spelling Test  
Friday morning - PE (Full PE kit and plimsolls.  
Removed or covered earrings)

Show and Tell has recently been set up to support children to speak clearly and confidently in front of the class during learning time. It enables them to teach other children about their interests and skills. Therefore please avoid bringing in toys where possible. The rota is on the classroom door.



### School Milk

Please remember to sign up for milk over the summer term. Even those entitled to free school meals need to sign up each term.

### Dates for the diary-

Bank Holiday - Monday 2 May

Church visit - TBC

Allotment visit - TBC

Summer 1- Class Reward Party during the final week of half term

Friday 10 June- Queen Elizabeth II birthday celebrations. Dress up as a current royal or royal from the past or in red, white and blue party clothes.

School Fair - Saturday 25 June

There will be a whole school Newsletter out shortly with key dates including transition and sports days.

