

CLASS ONE

Welcome back!

A new term:

Welcome back to all of our old pupils and hello to our new classmate, Amira! We hope you all had a great summer! This newsletter will hopefully give you a few ideas of the kind of things the children in Class One will be getting up to in the coming weeks.

Lunchtimes:

A few parents are concerned that their child isn't eating enough at lunchtimes. If you are concerned, I would like to start putting on Tapestry, for a while at least, how much your child is eating so you can be confident they are full. I will say, however, that some lunches would be a challenge for me to eat so it may be worth thinking about how much you are providing your child.

New pupils:

As you may realise, we currently have a few spaces available in Class 1 so if you know of anyone who has children of Nursery or Reception age who may be interested in joining our school, please send them our way. Any new children who take up a place will earn you a discount off your following term's fees.



Working Together!

This term we are focusing a lot on perseverance and resilience. The children are going to be given a lot of opportunities to work together to solve problems. There may be times when the problem doesn't have a solution! The challenge is to not give up trying or to give an explanation as to why things can't be solved. This is a tricky skill to master so the children will be working on this right through the school. As things progress with COVID-19, we will be watching for the time we can once again mix all the children in the school together so that the younger ones can learn from the older ones. Here's hoping those days aren't too far in the future!

In the meantime, we will be helping the children build on all of their resilience, perseverance and co-operative skills to help them become the best they can be.





General notices and reminders:

- All children will receive homework every night in the form of reading. The Reception children will also be given a piece of Literacy or Numeracy every Monday to Thursday. Please sign their homework diaries each night to show that work set has been completed.
- As we are hoping to go on regular trips this term, I would like to ask that all children have their hats, blazers and winter coats in school everyday so we can make a decision at short notice if the weather is suitable.
- We are once again able to do PE lessons so please make sure your child has their full PE kit in school with all items properly labelled, including plimsolls.
- For any parents who are interested in learning more about the Early Years please visit www.gov.uk/early-years-foundation-stage.

Topics

This term we are going to be doing some short blocks of work including 'This is Me', 'Seasons', and 'People Who Help Us'. We are going to use a variety of resources to explore these topics, including books, trips and, if things improve regarding coronavirus, special visitors.

We are beginning by looking at ourselves and what makes us special. The book, Elmer, is a really nice way of introducing to the children that it is ok to be different from others and that, although we all have things in common, we are actually all individuals who are just as special as everyone else around us.

'Elmer' is also a great way of exploring colour - we will be challenging the children to use colours in different ways to learn more about how we make colours and how we can use them to improve our artwork.

As you are not able to come into school at the moment, we will make sure we keep putting things on Tapestry to show you what the children have been up to. Keep an eye out for our recent self-portraits!

