

1st October 2021

Welcome to Class 1.

We have all settled in now and are enjoying our school life together. Here are some thoughts from the children:

'I love it here'

'I like going to school to draw like my Daddy'

'I like playing with everything'

Miss Prosser and I (Mrs Martin) work alongside each other in the mornings with Mrs Denham and Mrs Hughes as learning support assistants. In the afternoons, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 work together under the care of Miss Prosser, Mrs Denham and Mrs Morrell. In the main, I am planning for Nursery and Reception and Miss Prosser for Year 1 and 2 but any queries please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

Topic

This term Class 1 will be looking at farms. We hope to cover:

- different types of animals and their care
- jobs around the farm/how to help the farmer
- building a farm and role play
- a farm in another country.

Language

Reception will begin with Jolly Phonics, learning the songs for the first letter sets, making cvc words and forming the letters. If you look online you will see short video clips showing how the sounds are introduced, it is important we use the letter sounds not names. The children will write their names with emphasis on letter formation. Nursery will join in with the songs. They will all make up sentences orally about our topic.

Number

We will follow WhiteRose Maths this term which gives many ideas for practical activities. We hope to cover: sorting, shapes, pattern, size, comparison of numbers using more than, less than, equal and forming numbers 1-5 (Reception).

PE and Outdoor Learning

The main PE session will be on a Thursday. They will have other outdoor tasks on a Friday and we ask that you make sure they are dressed appropriately for the weather; they will be out in mild rain and snow. Children will also use bikes, balls, play games, use the sand and other outdoor equipment each day when they are outside for a short time.

Homework and Reading

This will be provided for Reception children only. An activity grid will be sent home in a homework book so that children can choose one a week to complete. There will be extra tasks to the number of weeks so not all need to be completed unless your child wants to finish them all. This will be given out on a Friday to be handed in by the following Wednesday.

Your child will be able to choose a story book to bring home until they are ready to begin the reading scheme. You can read this to them and discuss the text and pictures. It will go out on a Friday to be back by the next Wednesday the same as homework. Children will also begin to have words to learn as they are ready.

Snack and Water

Children have been bringing in a well labelled healthy snack each day, thank you for that. They can bring in water as well if they need to.

Extra

We have a collection of unlabelled school tops in class so if you are missing any please ask. If they are named we can send them back.

Any questions you have please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mrs Martin and Mrs Denham.