

## CLASS 1 NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Class 1! We are really pleased with how the children are settling in to school life and exploring their new environment.

As part of their settling in, we are enjoying playing and spending time with the children and getting to know them as individuals.

From next week we will begin to introduce the children to letter sounds and we will base their activities around the sound of the day. At Kingsmoor we teach phonics using a scheme called Read, Write, Inc. We will teach the children the name and sound of the letter and also how to form it correctly using a rhyme. The children will have a phonics folder to bring home and practice their sounds.

Alongside this we will also begin to teach Maths through number based activities and games, focusing on one number each week. We use Numberblocks as a starting point to introduce the number of the week and introduce careful counting, more, less, quantities, shape and lots more!

### Homework

As the children settle in to school, we usually find that they are very tired when they get home. With this in mind, reading will be the only homework that we send this term. However, each child will get a turn to take home the Class 1 sharing bag. Initially this will be for them to bring in their favourite book to share with the class.

### Reading

The children will bring home a reading book and their reading record each day in their new book bags. The children will read with us weekly at school, either one to one or in a small group. Initially we will focus on talking about the pictures and trying to recall the repeated phrases from the book. The children have a coloured target card at the back of their reading diary to indicate what they are working on. **These will be ticked off at school once each skill has been consolidated.** Please read regularly with your child and remember to let us know how they got on by commenting in their reading diary.

There will be a book change box on the table each morning. Please help your child to choose whether they would like to change their book or keep the same one for a few days.

### Physical Development



Children access a variety of physical activities throughout the week. PE lessons take place on a Tuesday with Mr Irish and Friday with Mr Weeks. Please bring in your child's PE bag each Monday and we will send it home for a wash at the end of the week.

It is helpful if your child is dressed in clothes that they can easily manage and shoes with **velcro fastenings** are advisable. Please ensure that **all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name**.

### Health and Self Care

Please bring in a labelled drinks bottle (filled with water only) for your child each day. We encourage the children to have a drink of water whenever they are thirsty throughout the day and will send the bottles home each afternoon. The children will also have the opportunity to drink a carton of milk at school (milk is free until they reach 5, then available to buy if you wish). Fresh fruit and vegetables are provided each day for free for children in Classes 1, 2 and 3 by the Government scheme. However, you can also send an extra healthy fruit/vegetable snack in a named container each day.

### Outdoor learning

**In order to help our morning transition and maintain the outdoor environment, please can you ensure that the children and younger siblings refrain from playing with the school equipment before and after school.**

If you would like to send in a named pair of wellies or old shoes for your child to keep in school, to explore the outdoors (including ride-ons) without worrying about their shoes, please do. Could you also send in a change of clothes, (this does not have to be uniform) including underwear in case of any spillages, messy play or toilet accidents. Please put them in a named bag on your child's peg.

And finally, if you have any questions about your child's progress or settling in, please do not hesitate to ask. We hope this is the beginning of a happy and busy year and we look forward to working with you and your child.

**Miss Mustoe, Mrs Owens, Miss Bryant  
(The Class 1 Team)**