

Welcome to Class One!

September 2021

Hello everyone!

We would like to welcome you all to Class One and hope that you have had an enjoyable summer break. We hope that this update is useful and helps to explain some of the routines for Class One children.

Please do also have a look at our class webpage. New photos have been added to the Year One page so that you can see what we have been up to in the first few days of the new term.

Our first theme for the term is 'Happily Ever After.' We are going to be reading lots of different fairy tales and exploring the different themes associated with them.

Reading

We spent the first couple of days in school sharing some lovely stories and books and encouraging the children to use our reading areas in the classroom independently.

Our rota for hearing the children read and changing books has started and we would like to ask that the children have their bookbags and reading books and diaries in school each day. We shall be hearing a group of children read each day and they will also have another day where we change books for them if they have read at home and the reading record book has been signed.

We would love the children to read each evening and will aim to put two reading books in each time. The children will also bring home a book of their choice from our class library to share with you at home.

The Learning Guidance section on our class web page has a copy of the Common Exception Words for Year One. These are the tricky words that the children will be expected to learn to read by sight before the end of this academic year.

PE

We are really lucky to have a specialist practitioner called Mr Thomas working with us on a Monday morning for PE. The children will also have a PE lesson on a Friday with Mr Hutton who is also a PE specialist. Thank you for sending the children in wearing PE kit on those days.

Forest School

We shall be doing Forest School on Wednesday afternoons. The children really enjoyed their first sessions and enjoyed exploring the shelters that were built by the Year 5 children last year.

Our Week

Monday – Miss Freeman all day
Tuesday – Miss Freeman/Mr Hutton
Wednesday Miss Freeman/Mr Hutton
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Friday – Mr Hutton all day
Learning Support Assistants – Mrs Chadd and Mrs Cooke

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or concerns. The start of the day is great for a quick message at the gate. Alternatively, catch us at the end of the day or leave a message at the office and we will get back to you.

Science.

In Science children will be researching and studying living and non-living things. They will learn about the features of living things and we will focus in particular on birds and learn to identify different breeds.

Theme - Happily Ever After

In our theme the children will design and produce their own fairy tale stories linked to their ideas and constructions that they build in both Forest School and in the classroom. They will explore qualities of materials and recognise how structures can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable.



PSHE

This term the children will learn about the skills of being a good friend. They will talk and evaluate what a bully is and who they should tell if they feel they are being bullied. They will learn about the importance of certain values when being a good friend. They will learn how their behaviour can influence others both positively and negatively.



Literacy

The children have been developing their writing skills and have enjoyed making wanted posters, retelling stories, labelling maps, dressing up as fairy tale characters and sharing books in our lovely reading areas. We have been working on our phonic skills daily and are working at learning how to spell the Common Exception Words for Year One. We are practicing letter formation daily and are working towards making our letters an even size and sitting them on a line.



Maths

The children have been developing their counting skills and have enjoyed exploring the maths areas in the class room and have been counting and recognizing numbers using games and 100 squares. They have made numbers using playdough and have loved learning number rhymes and playing number games on the computer.

