

## **Important information**

- Class 1 is taught by Mr Mortimer and Mrs Smurthwaite Tuesday Friday and Mrs Metcalfe and Mrs Smurthwaite on Monday each week.
   We also have the support of Mrs Rough on Monday afternoon.
- Class 1 are lucky enough to receive additional help from several volunteers who are members of our local community. Mrs Thompson helps to organise the Slingsby Maypole celebrations each year and comes into class 1 each Monday afternoon to listen to readers. Mrs Prest, who helps with Monday assemblies in Chapel, also listens to readers on a Friday afternoon. Miss Coleman is training to become a Teaching Assistant and is on placement each week to assist in all three classes in school. She will be in class 1 on Tuesday morning.
- Class 1 continue to receive expert PE teaching from Dean the sports coach each Tuesday afternoon. We also have a further PE session, led by Mr Mortimer, on Friday mornings, when we swap rooms with Class 2 and use the Reading Rooms in colder, inclement weather.

## Important information...continued

- During PE on a Friday, Mrs Smurthwaite will change reading books ready for the weekend and we will send the PE kit bags home for washing. Then please send the kit bag in on Monday or by the latest on Tuesday.
- Show and tell forms part of our PSHCE and will take place each Friday afternoon. Children should bring items into school in their book bags each Friday, enabling them to look after them and keep them safe in their drawer.
- We would like children to talk about their weekend experiences and prepare for show and tell with you, by drawing
  pictures, paintings or maps. Children may choose to print out photographs, write lists and sentences or stick in
  leaflets or information collected during their experiences. This does not always have to be days out and special
  trips. Instead it might be a picture of their garden, photographs of a trip to Granny's or a painting of their pet or
  favourite place.
- Yr1 spellings will be given to pupils every Tuesday and tested on the following Tuesday. Please encourage your child to complete their spellings using 'look, cover, write, check' grids and by sounding aloud if this helps too. Reception spellings will start in a few weeks linked with phonics.
- Yr1 children have received a reading book today and these will be changed on Monday if read. Reception reading books will start next week. PLEASE write in your child's reading diary, noting the pages they have read –or just sign and date it. In school, your child will be heard read once each week individually and in a guided group of 4-5 children to develop their decoding, comprehension and fluency weekly.
- A reminder that all parents are welcome to attend our weekly celebration assembly on Friday 3pm-3:30 each week. This takes place in the reading rooms and is led by Mrs Metcalf. Children receive certificates and special awards. If your child will be receiving an award, then you should receive a text message reminder by Friday lunchtime. Please ensure that we have up-to-date contact information to enable us to do this.
- Children receive stickers for good behaviour and work in class 1. When they have collected five stickers, they will bring their card home to use as a bookmark! Please celebrate this with them and use the bookmarks in their reading books.
- Children are awarded merit stickers for achieving milestones in their learning. These are collected until they are awarded bronze, silver and gold merit certificates. This is a long-term reward system and the Reception children may only receive one or two certificates throughout the year. All children will take turns to receive special awards in assembly each week for behaviour, worker or special achievement.