

Welcome to year 1.

Dear Parents,

In class 1 the staff are myself (Mrs Baldwin) and Mrs Craven who are both full time, Miss Lunt who is with us part of each day and Mrs Mason who will be in class on a Thursday morning.

We strive to ensure that all the children are happy and learning, therefore if you have any concerns please feel free to talk to me either at the start or the end of the school day. If you feel that a longer amount of time is necessary to deal with any problems then please make an appointment and I shall be more than happy to meet with you.

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September I shall be holding a 'meet the teacher' session after school. This will provide you with information about class 1 routines and the sort of things your child will be doing each day, in addition it will give you the opportunity to ask any questions or voice any concerns you may have at present.

This half term we have a lovely theme to base our work around, which has the interesting title of Penguins, Possums and Pigs. As you can probably guess we will be looking at animals from different countries, exploring what is special about them, how they move, where they live and many other interesting facts. In order to allow the children to get some hands on experience and ask questions of an animal expert, I have organised for a zoo company to visit school this term, which I think the children will really enjoy.

In Geography we will be looking at hot and cold countries, so will be learning about climates and exploring why some countries are hot and others cold. This will link nicely with the animal topic, allowing us to compare and contrast the animals that live and thrive in extreme climates.

Useful information.

As in Reception, we will see the children to you at the end of the school day, so ensuring that they are collected by the appropriate person, which is a safety

issue. Please be patient initially as it takes a little while to remember parents/carers faces.

Toast remains at 2Op a slice or the children can bring a healthy snack or buy one from the school snack trolley.

PE is on Wednesday and Friday afternoon, with the Friday session being taken by our PE coach. Please ensure that your child has a PE kit with them, including pumps or trainers, as if the session takes place outdoors, they must wear appropriate footwear for safety reasons.

I shall not be sending homework as such with the children this half term, but will gradually introduce spellings to be learnt, these will be sent on a Monday and tested on the following Monday.

Home-school readers should be in school daily as we try to read with the children as often as we can. Please try to spend a few minutes in the evening listening to your child read and recording that you have done so in their diary. Even reading just 2 or 3 pages a night can help increase their ability and confidence, so thank you in advance for your support in this.

Your child will also have a class library book. This is a book your child has selected themselves from those within the classroom and there is no time limit on how long they keep the book, but one must be returned before another is taken.

The children have come back to school looking very smart in their new uniforms, so we are very keen for no items to get lost. With this in mind, please write their name in all clothes including PE kits as this will help prevent items being lost or confused with those belonging to other children.

I look forward to meeting you on 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

Best Regards

Mrs Baldwin