



## **Adventurers CLASS - Parents information sheet**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed the beautiful summer weather and the children are well rested. I am pleased to be continuing in year 1 and 2 with Mrs. Yardley. We have been working hard to ensure that we have lots of exciting events and learning opportunities ahead of us. Below is some information about the term ahead that you may find useful.

### **Daily routine**

The children should leave their coats and book bag hung on their peg which is found outside the KS1 toilets. Their reading folder and water bottle will need to be brought into the classroom daily. The water bottle is placed by the sink and their reading folder needs to be placed in the wicker basket at the front of the class. There will be an activity for the children on the tables to help them settle into class. Please make sure your child has a clearly labelled water bottle in school every day.

### **Topics:**

Our topics run on a two-year rolling programme. This autumn the topic is 'National Treasure.' We will be looking at famous London landmarks, enquiring about the Great fire of London alongside finding out about Queen Elizabeth 1 and 11. Please find attached the topic overview which gives further details about the topic. Please be aware that the topic planning can change slightly during the term depending on time limitations and children's interest.

### **Literacy**

Please see the topic mat for some of the texts focuses. We focus on a book for approx. 2-3 weeks, during that time we learn important English skills to improve our speaking, listening and writing. We work towards creating a final piece of work e.g. a story write or poem. If possible, please do not share the above texts until after they have been read in class. It is nice for the children to experience new texts in school and some of our learning journeys are about making predictions about what will happen in a story.

The children will work hard on improving their phonic skills using the Letters and Sounds programme, which helps them with both spelling and reading. Every day we read either individually, in groups or as a class. We enjoy fiction and non-fiction texts as well as poetry.

### **Numeracy**

The children will have daily numeracy. Please support your child with their number work by practising regular counting and times tables. The year 2 children have been signed up to Times Tables Rock Stars. They will need your help navigating the sites and solving the problems/questions. You will find their passwords in the front of their yellow reading books after the half term holiday.

In numeracy, the children will be learning new skills whilst also revisiting learning taught in previous lessons. This is done so that they can improve and deepen their confidence and ability in each skill.

### Reading

Please hear your child read every night. Your support makes so much difference to his/her progress. Alongside phonics and literacy, the children also have reading sessions twice a week. During their lessons the children will focus on the reading of words and understanding of the text. Mrs. Yardley will change the children's reading books on Tuesdays and Fridays.

### Spellings

Year 2 children will bring home new spellings to learn every Monday. Year 1 children will start bringing home spellings after October half term.

The spellings are linked to phonics learning and the current text we are using in class. This puts the word into context as the children will use the words in their literacy writing. Please help your child learn their spellings. I have attached a sheet with ideas for learning spellings. It is useful for children to revise past spelling patterns occasionally so do not worry if you see a repeat of a word or spelling pattern. We will have a spelling test every Friday.

### P.E.

Please make sure ALL kit is named clearly, trainers fit and that **children wear the kit to school on Wednesday and Friday**. P.E is scheduled for Wednesday and Games is scheduled for Friday. As the weather gets colder please ensure your child wears warm dark coloured joggers/leggings, has a school jumper and a water proof jacket.

### Show and Tell

Our first show and tell will be on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September. In the meantime, please discourage children from bringing in toys from home as these items get lost very easily at school!

### Things to remember

- Topic homework due w/c 15<sup>th</sup> November. Please do not bring it into school before this date.
- Show and Tell on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September
- Year 2 will have weekly spellings every Monday and the tests will be on Fridays. Year 1 children will start their spellings after October half term.
- Reading everyday (please note when you have listened to your child read in their yellow books)

We are really looking forward to the year ahead and settling into a happy routine quickly. Please do not hesitate to see us if you have any concerns or need any further information. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

*Mrs. Rees and Mrs. Yardley*

Class teacher and HLTA