



Kirkby-in-Malhamdale United V.A Primary School

Newsletter

January 2024

Class 1

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and a very warm welcome back! All the children have made a fantastic start to the new school term and we are delighted to welcome a number of children to school.

Staffing is unchanged in Class 1 this term with Mrs Lodge, Mrs Cawood and myself. Mrs Brown will be joining us on Thursday mornings to deliver a Music lesson.

This term our learning theme is 'Animals, Monsters and Dragons'. We have lots of fun and exciting activities and lessons planned. Below are some of the teaching and learning units we will be doing this term. Further information on the curriculum can be found on our school website.

Nursery	Reception	Year 1
Stories about animals, monsters and dragons. We will be talking about the stories shared as well as drawing and writing activities based on these stories.		
Subitising, Numbers 1-6, 1:1 counting	Composition of numbers to 10, Building numbers 9 and 10, Exploring 3D shapes	Place Value within 50, Addition and subtraction to 20, Length and height and mass and volume
Making Birds - 3D sculptures		
Animals - similarities and differences	Animals, including humans - classification and grouping	
Humans - How do we grow and change?		
Boats - explore floating and sinking	Who was Christopher Columbus?	

Opportunities at home to further support teaching and learning at school is very much

appreciated. Please let us know what you have been up too, we'd love to see any counting, animal, monster or dragon stories enjoyed or links to journeys on boats maybe!

YEAR 1 SPELLING/HOMEWORK - this will be uploaded on Seesaw and spelling checks will take place on Friday mornings. Please work on the spelling list during the week. Little and often works a treat!

READING AND PHONICS - We really appreciate parents/carers involvement in a 'reading partnership' between schools and home. It really does make a massive difference if children read at home. We are grateful to all those parents who regularly listen to their child read. Children are assessed on a regular basis to ensure they are accessing the teaching group that is pertinent to their 'next steps'. Children will have different resources to support their reading development e.g. sound books/sound cards, so please do include this in your reading routine. It is helpful if you make a note in your child's reading record book what you have read.

PE- Please ensure your child has a school uniform PE kit in school that is clearly labelled with your child's name. PE kits will be sent home as and when they need a freshen up! PE will take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for all year groups in Class 1.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - Clubs run every afternoon (Monday 3.30-6pm, Tuesday to Friday 3.30-4.30pm) Please see the information sent out to parents.

COLLECTION FROM SCHOOL - SAFEGUARDING - please ensure you notify your child's teacher/admin if someone other than those who are authorised and regularly pick up your child up from school. If there is any doubt at all staff will contact parents to check arrangements.

NOTE - we remain a nut aware school so only fruit or vegetable snacks are to be brought into school. Thank you! Milk at playtime is still on offer to those who would like it, payable on ParentPay.

If you have any questions regarding your child's education then please do not hesitate to contact me. jmiddleton@kim.n-yorks.sch.uk

Here's looking forward to a fantastic (and very busy) term.

Many thanks,

Julie A Middleton

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