



Kirkby-in-Malhamdale United V. A Primary School

# Newsletter

September 2023

Class 1

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome to the new school year to all our children and their families. I hope you have had fun this Summer. All the children have made a fantastic start to the new school year and we are delighted to welcome a number of new families to school.

Staffing is unchanged in Class 1 this year with Mrs Lodge, Mrs Cawood and myself. Mrs Brown will be joining us on Thursday mornings to deliver a Music lesson as well as run our KiMCOM session for our pre-school friends to attend.

Please read Mr Wright's letter sent out at the beginning of the week carefully as it contains a lot of important information regarding the year ahead and how some aspects of school are organised.

This term our learning theme is 'food'. We have lots of exciting activities planned with enquiry questions including 'How can we make prints?' and 'How did The Great Fire of London start?'. We look forward to sharing our learning on Facebook and the school website.

**YEAR 1 SEESAW** - you will soon receive a print out with a QR code/access code for you to activate your child's Seesaw account for this year. Please note that all codes will change regardless of whether your child is new to the school as last year's accounts are now all archived.

**SEESAW Family** is for those families with more than one child in school. You will receive an email detailing how you can activate this facility. Please note you may receive emails from different teachers if your children are in different classes.

**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** - please see the Afterschool club list attached to Mr Wright's letter.

**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](mailto:jmiddleton@kim.n-yorks.sch.uk)

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

Many thanks,

Mrs Julie Middleton