



Kirkby-in-Malhamdale United V. A Primary School

Newsletter

September 2022

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 and enjoyed the sunshine!

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Lodge who will be in Class 1 on Tuesdays and Fridays. 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 as it contains a lot of important information regarding the year ahead and how some aspects of school are organised.

This term we will be learning about different homes as part of our 'Knock, Knock' topic. We are going to explore how homes differ for people around the world, how everyday items in the home have changed over time and investigate materials including making a chair for a teddy bear as part of design technology.

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 in the next few days 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 - During the last academic year and the Summer break we have been working on further developing our phonics and reading provision for all our children. Our intention is to build on our great resources and results and further develop reading provision across the school. In the coming weeks we will be sharing, via parent's meetings in school, the changes we have made and how this will impact on all our children's reading skills and love of

reading. We will outline the '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. Each child also has phonics cards or booklets to revise too 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!

OUTDOOR LEARNING/WELL-BEING.

We are keen to get the children outdoors as much as we can, if they have wellies and outdoor kit they can leave at school then that would be great. Hopefully we will get a dry crisp Autumn but we have sets of thin showerproof jacket and trousers at school (but not spare wellies) which we can assign to children.

We are lucky to have positive psychology coach Mr Illingworth on hand to deliver his mindfulness sessions with the children. The children love these and are really embracing the sessions.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - please see the Afterschool club list attached to Mr Wright's letter.

DROP OFF AND COLLECTION FROM SCHOOL - As mentioned in Mr Wright's letter the arrangement for dropping off in the morning remains the same. Please wait in your car and a member of staff will signal to you when you can pull up to the gate and drop off your child/children. In the afternoon collection will be at 3.30pm. Parents/carers are asked to come into the first small 'playground' in front of the main school and wait for your child. Staff will be supervising closely the main gate to ensure all our safeguarding procedures with regards to collection are adhered to ensuring the safety of our children. If you wish to speak to any member of staff at the end of the day, they may ask you to wait until all the children are safely united with their parents/carers. Thank you for your help and support in ensuring the safety of all our children during this period of the school day.

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, Julie, Rebecca and Sally-Anne

