

# Term 1 Half Term 1 September 2017

## Year 1 Newsletter

### Welcome back to school

We hope that you had a lovely, relaxing summer and are looking forward to the new term in Year 1.

Each half term we will write you a newsletter so that you can find out what we will be learning and if there are any ways you can help your child and us!

These are the staff in Year 1:

Class Teachers: Miss Shillito and Mrs Rowe.

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Gavin, Miss Adams

HLTA: Mrs Carabine.

### This half term our topic is 'Enchanted Woodland'!



The children will be learning about woodland animals and different kinds of trees and flowers. If you have any books that you think might be of interest, please bring them in! The main focus of our topic is science, however we will also be exploring the school grounds and listening closely to instructions in PE.

**LITERACY** - This half term we will be concentrating on the use of capital letters, full stops and finger spaces in our writing, whilst focussing on handwriting and letter formation. We will be reading a range of fairy tales and traditional stories.

**MATHEMATICS** - Our focus this half term is addition and subtraction within 20, with a big emphasis on numbers that add up to 10. Please keep practising number facts to 20 with your child.

**SPELLINGS** – We will be sending home weekly spellings for you and your child to practise at home. This half term we will be focussing on Phase 2 and 3 High Frequency words.

### **All about our classes:**

**PE**—We do P.E every **Monday and Tuesday**. PLEASE COULD YOU PROVIDE YOUR CHILD WITH AN INDOOR and OUTDOOR P.E. KIT labelled and in a named bag (**BLACK SHORTS WHITE T-SHIRT and black tracksuit** plus pumps and trainers which fit – no laces please). Any jewellery should be removed at home before a P.E lesson.

**READING AND SPELLING** —Please **write comments** in the reading record book when you read with your child. Your child's reading record will inform you when your child can change their books. Please aim to have all their books read by this day. Remember a little bit of reading regularly makes a **big difference** and regular games and checks on the words provided in reading records would really benefit your child's progress too. Weekly spellings will be sent home for the half term and tested each Friday.

**HOMEWORK**—The children will receive a mixture of topic and maths/literacy homework each Friday. Please could it be returned to school by the following Tuesday. **STAR OF THE WEEK AND ALWAYS BADGES** – Each class chooses a star of the week who will receive special privileges in class. Always badges will be given to children who ALWAYS behave well (10 consecutive days or more where they have followed school rules).

**WATER BOTTLES** – please ensure your child has a refillable, sports cap water bottle in school every day.

**TWITTER** – Each teacher now has their own Twitter account from which they will provide updates during the school week of things that the children are doing.

Please follow:

@missshillitoaps

@missroweaps

The school account is @ArdenPrimary.

### Special Events

#### **Transition Celebration**

On **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September**, we will be holding an event to celebrate the work that the children have been completing on Owl Babies. This was started towards the end of Reception and has been completed during the first days in Year 1.

**This will be held in the Year 1 classrooms at 2.45 – 3.05pm.**

#### **KS1 Maths Workshop**

After school on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October** we will be holding a Maths Workshop where you can come and work with your child on a range of number activities.

This will be held in the Year 1 classrooms at **2.30-3pm.**

#### **HELP!**

**We need your help-if you would like to volunteer with reading and have some spare time on any afternoon, please contact Mrs Richardson.**

Miss Shillito and Mrs Rowe

Remember we are always available after school if you have any questions.