



## Mannington Class Newsletter Autumn 2015

Welcome to Year 1! All the children have settled well into Year 1 so far and we have had a great first week.

**Topic:** Our first topic this year is 'Pets'. The children are welcome to bring in photos and pictures of their own pets to share with the class and put up on our topic display board. We shall explore the topic through many different lessons including art and science.

**Literacy:** Much of our literacy work shall be based around our Pets topic. We shall be looking at lots of different fiction and non-fiction texts about pets.

**Maths:** We are currently focusing on reading, writing and ordering numbers up to 20. I have been pleasantly surprised by how excellent the children already are at counting! You can find some fun maths games which will help your child develop their counting and other maths skills at home at <http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html>

**Reading Books and Homework:** Please change your child's reading book when you come into school in the morning. The children have reading records in which you can comment on their wonderful reading with you at home. Year 1 homework will also include a short, weekly letters and sounds activity. Occasionally, I may swap this for a topic related activity instead.

If you have any questions throughout the year, please do not hesitate to come and see me. **Miss Sadler**

**Homework will be sent home on a Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday.**

**Show and Tell:** Like Reception, Year 1 shall do a daily show and tell in class. This year it would be lovely for the children to think about something that is special to them, they have done outside of school or is related to our current topic, rather than just bringing in toys. Each child has been given a specific day for their show and tell and the list can be found on our class notice board.

**Writing Cup and Merits:** The Writing Cup is awarded weekly to a child who has shown significant effort or achievement in their writing. It will usually be awarded on the Thursday, so please bring it back in time for the next Writing Cup winner! Merits will also be awarded to children for personal achievement in class and in school, especially excellent work!

**PE will be on Mondays and Fridays.** All children need to bring a PE kit to school. Long hair needs to be tied back. If your child wears earrings, please ensure that they can take them out themselves or that they do not wear them on PE days.