






Mannington Class Newsletter Autumn 2016

Welcome to Year 1



All the children have settled well so far and we have had a great first week.





Topic: Our first topic this year is 'Ourselves'. The children are welcome to bring in photos and pictures of themselves as babies and other family photos to share with the class and put up on our topic display board. Thank you for the photos already brought in. We shall explore the topic through many different lessons including art and science. We will follow this topic with Exploring Mexico.





Literacy: Much of our literacy work will be based around the topic. We shall be looking at lots of different fiction and non-fiction texts about families and children. We will be continuing to practice phonics sounds and alternative ways to write sounds that we already know.





Maths: We are currently focusing on reading, writing and ordering numbers up to 20. I have been impressed by how good the children already are at counting! You can find some great 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 will set a topic related activity instead. Homework will be sent home on a Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday. We will change school library books on Thursdays.




Show and Tell: Year 1 will have a daily show and tell. It would be lovely for the children to think about something that is special to them, something they have done outside school or is related to our current topic, rather than 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 and especially for excellent work!



PE will be on Mondays and Thursdays. 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.



If you have any questions throughout the year, please do not hesitate to come and see myself or Miss Marlow.

