

January 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year! Our themes for the term are materials and traditional stories. We will be finding out about different materials and their properties. We will investigate which materials are good for different purposes. In art we will be working on our drawing and painting. We will continue to learn about our local environment and have a go at drawing maps. Then we will compare Welburn to Malton and discuss our preferences. We will be working on our mouse and keyboard skills in ICT. Later in the term we will be designing and making our own sandwiches. We will also be learning about celebrations in RE. Mrs Pool will continue to teach us PE on a Tuesday and a Wednesday.

Much of our literacy work this term will be based around traditional tales. We will learn some stories by heart, do drama activities and write our own versions of stories. Our non-fiction work will be focussed on instruction writing and information texts. We will also continue to have a daily phonics or reading lesson. All children will now have reading books to bring home. These should reflect the phonics and high frequency words your child has learnt in school. It really makes a huge difference if your child has 5 minutes reading practice at least 3 or 4 times a week at home. Please check the Class 1 page on the school website for more phonics information. Well done to all the Reception children for your lovely pictures in the story sacks – we will continue this for a few more weeks as reading TO your child is so important.

In maths we will be working with 2 digit numbers and exploring counting patterns. We will use our knowledge to count in groups of 2, 5 and 10 and learn to share shapes and quantities into halves. We will investigate different aspects of measure and consolidate our previous learning about shapes.

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit, wellies and coat in school every day as we often go for walks, play and learn outdoors in all weathers. Please can you double check that all kit, wellies and uniform are NAMED clearly, especially if you have previously used a biro to name items as this can fade over time.

Finally, on the day your child is “special person” (I’m sure they will let you know when!) they may bring in a childhood toy or photo to show us.

Ms N Lewis, Class 1 teacher

