



Year 1 Sea Turtles Class



Dear Parent/carers and children

We hope you have had a lovely time over the summer and we hope you are as excited to start Year 1 as we are!

The aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from the Foundation Stage to Key Stage One. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children had in Foundation. Learning through play will continue to be an important part of the school day. As the year progresses the children will gradually be eased into a more formal of style learning so that they remain motivated, enthused and eager learners, working through the National Curriculum.

This term we are learning about 'Amazing Us!' We will become explorers, discovering our immediate environment and further afield. We will be learning about the human body, our amazing senses and how we are growing and changing. We will learn about some famous explorers from the past and look at different forms of transport that help us explore the world. In our literacy we will be starting off with the adventurous explorer in 'The Snail and the Whale' and building on the children's writing making sure we are all writing in sentences! As the season changes we will be noticing the differences and recording the weather.

Maths - The class will be introduced to 'Inspire Maths' this term and this method of teaching will continue for the rest of the academic year. Inspire maths is a whole-school primary based maths programme. It is based on the proven approach to mathematics which meets the higher expectations of the 2014 National Curriculum. The concrete - pictorial - abstract approach ensures understanding of mathematical concepts.

This term we will focus on number.

RE - We will be looking at Christianity, stories showing Christian beliefs and what Christians believe.

Your child will be given a set of books and a reading diary to bring home and read. There will also be lots of opportunities to read and enjoy books throughout the week at school. The children will be reminded to take their own books out of their book bags each day.

We cannot stress the importance of reading every day, please ensure your child reads at home for 10 minutes each day

General reminders:

- The class will be doing **PE** on **Tuesdays**. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school and that all items are clearly labelled. We encourage children to practise getting dressed at home to help them get changed quickly in school!
- Your child may bring in a water bottle to keep in class. This can be used throughout the day. Please make sure it is clearly marked with your child's name.
- Homework will be given out on a Friday and will be due back on the Thursday.
- Please, if you have any unwanted kitchen utensils/pots and pans that you no longer use, we could make good use of them in our outside area.
- We would like to plant up our outside area and would really appreciate any donations of soil!

Thank you Mrs Hurst, Mrs Abbott, Mrs Dougall and Mrs K