



Year 1 Africa Class



Dear Parent/Carers,

The children have all settled well into Year 1 - we are impressed with their keenness and friendly attitudes to each other and towards the adults in the class.

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 'My Body'. 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 also be looking at the different seasons and how Autumn differs to Summer. As the season changes, we will be noticing the differences and recording the weather.

In our literacy we will be retelling Fairy Tales, Traditional Tales and learning more Nursery Rhymes. We will be building on the good writing skills acquired in Year R and working further to develop our cursive script and knowledge of letters and basic grammar. There will be a real focus also on spelling and we will send words home for the children to practise.

Numeracy- This term we will focus on number, counting forwards and backwards, place value and shape names. RE - We will be looking at Christianity and The Parable stories and discuss how these have been given to help us to live life well. In ICT we will look at online safety and what to do if we see something we don't like online.

We will also talk about our 'Growth Mindset' and how we may not be able to do something 'yet', but with determination and practise, we can get there eventually.

Your child will be given a set of books on Monday 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 **Thursdays**. Please ensure your child wears their P.E. kit into 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! Please name all items of clothing.
- Your child should bring in a water bottle (**WATER ONLY PLEASE**) 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.

Thank you,

Mrs Johnson and Mrs Christie