

Y1 Information for Parents

Autumn Term 2017

General Information

Class 1C – Mrs Cox

Class 1TM – Mrs Tuft & Mrs Maycock

Year 1 is very important and exciting year for your child, continuing to establish the foundations for their schooling life. During the Autumn Term, to support with children's transition into Year 1, we will be incorporating some aspects of the Foundation Stage, including shorter 'carpet time', more guided group work and independent learning through play.

We now have a topic-based approach to our curriculum at Fairfields. Our Autumn term learning will be linked around the theme of Belonging. Within this theme, we will be thinking about what it means to belong in various communities including our class and our school. The first part of the Autumn term we will be focusing on toys, with the link of Toy Story. You may have already had the pleasure of hosting 'Woody' or 'Buzz' overnight! Throughout the half term these toys which belong to our classes will be making way home with each child. Sharing their adventures will help us to find out a little more about each child aswell! We will also be exploring the history of toys and creating our own toy museum in the hall. We'd love for you to visit our museum on Thursday 12th October from 2.30pm – 3pm. As we move to the second part of the term we will be focusing more on traditional tales including 'The Three Little Pigs' and along with exploring materials in science we will also be creating our own pop-up books. Please find attached a mind map which will give you even more information about each subject and how they link with our topic.

Your child will receive weekly homework but it will now include an Abacus mathematics game to play on the computer. There will be a demonstration of this for 1C on Thursday 28th September at 9am – 9.30am and for 1TM on Tuesday 19th September at 9.30am. Additionally, each Friday children will bring home a reading book at an appropriate level. Please record any reading you do at home in their homework journal. Books will be collected in on Wednesday with the homework and their new book will be sent home on Friday. There will also be a half termly set of topic challenges as last year.

Phonics – Read Write Inc

Each day children will be taking part in phonics sessions. We are using the Read Write Inc phonics programme and children will be in groups appropriate to their ability. Children really enjoy these fast past and enthusiastic sessions! Phonics is extremely important for the children as they are continuing to learn how to read and write. In the Summer Term all Year 1 children will be taking part in the Phonics Screening Check, which is a measure of their phonics knowledge. More information on this Check will follow later in the year with a meeting for parents.

Mathematics

During our mathematics sessions, the children will work on number understanding, particularly focusing on numbers to 20. Teen numbers can be a particular stumbling block at this age, so there will be a lot of focus on understanding place value and recognising these numbers. You could help us with this aim by practising counting at home. We will also work on addition and subtraction including number facts, mostly to 10. The curriculum has an emphasis on reasoning so children need to be able to explain their work and problem solve.

Thank you for all your support! Mrs Cox, Mrs Tuft and Mrs Maycock are keen to work in a partnership with you. Please feel free to make an after-school appointment if you wish to discuss any queries you may have.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Cox

Mrs N Tuft

Mrs H Maycock