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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another busy year at Iveson Primary School. Hopefully you and your children have had a lovely summer and are excited to be starting school again this term – we are looking forward to everything we have in store for Year 1 this term!

Here is some information about Year 1 that we hope you will find useful:

- ☆ School begins at 8:50am. Teachers will be on the playground and available to speak to from 8:45am until the bell is rung at 8:50am when children line up in their classes.
- ☆ The school day finishes at 3:15pm and children will be brought out to the playground after this time. Parents must collect their children from the KS1 playground. If someone other than yourself is collecting your child, please call the office to inform school as soon as possible.
- ☆ We ask that children please wear black school shoes to and from school, not trainers.
- ☆ Children should bring a pair of black pumps to wear for PE at school. These can be left at school in the cloakroom.
- ☆ Children need their P.E. kits in school at all times. We are happy for children to bring their kits to school and take them home at the end of each half term.
- ☆ Children will be given two reading books each week – we ask that you record your child's reading in their planner each day. Books and planners should be brought to school every day and books will be changed once a week.
- ☆ Homework will be given out on a Friday and should be completed and returned the following week. On occasions homework will be in the form of a project and will have a longer deadline to allow for completion.

The staff that are working in Year 1 this year are:

- ☆ Miss Grimshaw will be teaching Owls Class
- ☆ Miss Lennon will be teaching Finches Class
- ☆ Mrs Armitage will be supporting in both Year 1 classes
- ☆ Miss Geldard will be providing Speech and Language support

If you have any questions about your child's learning or wellbeing please speak to the class teachers, or for a longer appointment, please speak to the office to arrange a convenient time. We are always happy to help.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Grimshaw, and Miss Lennon

# Year 1 Newsletter

## Autumn 1 2017

### Topic

This term our topic is:



This is a history and science focused topic.

In **Science** we will be learning to name the different parts of our bodies, and to recognise what the 5 senses are used for. We will also be learning to name the four seasons and begin to recognise seasonal changes.

In **History** we will be learning about key events in our lives so far and why they are important to us. We will also be recognising which people are significant in our lives and why.

We will also be exploring what our favourite foods are and where they come from, as well as creating our own healthy smoothies; using digital media to create All About Me videos; and painting our own self-portraits.

### Maths

In Maths we will begin by learning about number and place value. These are crucial aspects of Maths and it is important for the children to develop their understanding of these to support their learning in other areas of Maths.

**Key Focus:** Learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Once we are confident with our place value skills we will move on to adding and subtracting.

**Key Focus:** Knowing our number bonds to 10 and to 20.

We will also be practising our recognition of 2D and 3D shapes by going on shape hunts, describing and drawing shapes.

**Key Focus:** We need to know the names of all of the common 2D and 3D shapes out there!

Finally, we will begin to measure different objects using length and weight.

**Key Focus:** Using language to compare objects: heavier/lighter etc.



### English

Our focus this half term is retelling stories. We will be learning the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears through sequencing, role play, character descriptions, and other activities. This will lead up to creating a story plan and then rewriting the story.

We will then be learning and retelling the story of The Gingerbread Man.

We will also be beginning to learn the Phase 5 Phonics sounds. Part of the children's homework will be practice reading real and monster words using their phonics knowledge, this will help children to be familiar with reading new and unfamiliar words.

Children will also receive spellings to practise each week – these are taken from the list of Common Exception Words that all Year 1 children should be able to spell by the end of the year.

### Reminders:

- ☆ Please ensure that **all** of your child's belongings are labelled. This includes coats, pumps, and lunch bags. If your child has lost something, please come and check the lost property box.
- ☆ Children need their P.E. kits in school at all times.
- ☆ Please bring planners and reading books in every day. Books will be changed once a week, provided that they have read at home and it has been recorded in their planner.
- ☆ Homework will be given out on a Friday and should be completed and returned the following week.
- ☆ All KS1 children are entitled to a free lunch, *however* milk should be paid for on a termly basis. Please ask for a form if you wish for your child to have milk at school.

