



## Y1 and Y2 Children, (KS1) – September 2013

Dear Parents,

We hope your children have settled happily in these first few days in their new classes. The teachers certainly feel that the new year has started well.

We have lots of interesting and exciting plans for the term including visits by Lego Town Planners, the school nurse - (Y1 children), and walks round the local area, the library and the museum. Please keep your eyes open for letters about dates and requests for help to come with us. Without your support we would not be able to do these activities.

Reading will receive the usual emphasis this term, and we would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your help in hearing your child read. If reading is practised regularly it really helps the children to achieve more. In Year 1 we try to spend time discussing the content of books with the children. This is an important aspect and we would appreciate your help in questioning your child about the story that they have read.

We will be sending out spellings for the children to learn. Usually on a Monday for Y2, with a test on a Friday. Y1 children will be starting spellings after half term. Spellings will be given out on a Friday with a test the following Friday.

Our first topic for the term will focus on houses and homes. We are looking at the different types of houses in the local area, and will be making our own house models and looking at aspects of home life in the past compared with today.

We will also be celebrating harvest and the origins of food; looking at ways in which we can be healthy, including inviting the nurse into school to talk to the children about keeping clean; and investigating healthy foods.

There are a number of areas in which we would appreciate your help through the year. If possible:

- Please send any money into school in named envelopes.
- **DON'T FORGET TO NAME ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING**, as this helps us to sort out missing cardigans etc.
- Name any bags, lunchboxes and water bottles.
- Don't allow your child to wear jewellery other than studs for safety reasons.

Volunteer help - If you have been cleared by the CRB and are able to help, please let your child's teacher know. Any time you can give to school activities is really appreciated. *Please note – parents do not normally help in their own child's class.*

Finally, if you have a problem that you wish to talk over with your child's teacher, please feel free to arrange a time to see them. It is helpful if these meetings can be arranged for 3.00pm. rather than in the morning, as this allows us to give sufficient time for discussion when we do not have to deal with the class as well. We are, of course, available first thing to deal with any urgent queries or problems.

We hope your child will enjoy the term's work and we look forward to seeing you at Parents Evening later in the term, on 24<sup>th</sup> October.

