

# Sapphire Class

## Autumn Term

### Welcome to Year One!

I hope you have all had a well rested summer holiday and are looking forward to an exciting year ahead, full of interesting topics and lots of fun. I am really looking forward to getting to know and teach everyone, building on what they learnt in Ruby class. To help children with the transition from reception to year one run smoothly, especially after a very strange year last year, I will be giving children a choice of activities in the afternoons, implementing more practical and outdoor learning, and then building in more structure when the children are ready.

We are very lucky to have Mrs Anderson in the class in the mornings to continue to support the children this year.

#### Reading

Please try to read with your child as often as possible. Remember to make it fun and enjoyable.

Once your child has read a couple of pages ask them questions to help clarify understanding and to build on their comprehension skills using the VIPERS sheet to help you.



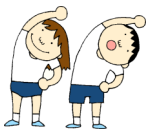
Reading books will be changed two times a week - on a Tuesday and Friday.

Children will be heard reading regularly during our daily 10 minute reading time with a reading partner.

#### Homework

There will be weekly spellings or spelling investigations. Spellings will usually be given on Friday and tested the following Friday. Starting on Friday 18th September. White Rose Maths homework will be set fortnightly and is accessed via a learning platform on the computer. (Information about White Rose will follow shortly). Any problems with limited/no access to a computer, please let me know as it can be arranged for your child to do this in school.

#### P.E.



P.E. lessons are on a Tuesday and Thursday. On Tuesdays we are very lucky to have Mr French who will be teaching the children and on Thursdays we have our new coaches - SCS. Children are to wear their PE kit to school on these days. When the colder weather arrives, an outdoor kit would be of benefit: tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt. Earrings must be removed for P.E. and long hair tied back.

#### OUR TOPICS

##### *Superheroes*

Who's your favourite superhero? Spider-man? Wonder woman? Maybe your heroes are ordinary people who've achieved great things. Or is it those people who save lives in our emergency services that you admire the most? This half term we will be focusing on a variety of different superheroes; from Supertato to the wonderful NHS to a historical heroine, Rosa Parks.

We will be looking at the human body and our superhero senses!

Grab your superhero cape and mask and get ready to fly to Sapphire Class.

##### *Moon Zoom!*

CRASH! What's that landed in the playground? Let's go outside and take a look. Stand back everyone—it looks like a UFO has crash-landed! During the second part of autumn two we will be looking at the moon, the other planets and of course, what it is like to be an astronaut. Then an alien is found.... Can you help get him home? It's got the experts in a right kerfuffle. Professor Pong doesn't know what to do!

Are you ready for take off Sapphire class?

HOLD TIGHT.... 5,4,3,2,1.... LIFT OFF!

#### IMPORTANT DATES

- PE - Tuesday and Thursdays.

Any problems or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. Reading journals will be checked two times a week so you can contact me through a note if this is easier for you.

Quick reminder please make sure **all** items of clothing and water bottles are clearly labelled.

Thank-you in advance for all your support,

*Miss Bailey*