



# Year One Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed the Easter break. Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parent Consultation sessions and the performances of our play 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The children enjoyed putting on a show for their families and friends! We are also thrilled to send our congratulations to Mr and Mrs Dainty on the safe arrival of their son during the Easter break.



## Our Year Group Team

**Mrs Hendry, Mrs Benson, Mrs Dawson  
Miss White, Miss Lofts, Mrs Soper, Mrs Rea**



Coming into school in the morning is a very busy time in Year One and we like the children to come in quickly and easy as possible, so that learning can start happening straight away. We are aware that messages need to be passed on, or sometimes you may need to speak to your child's teacher. There will always be a member of staff at the door in the morning who is happy to talk to you. If you do need to see your child's teacher, they will usually be with the children at home time. Should you wish to discuss anything in depth, please make an appointment with you child's class teacher in the first instance, or if necessary after this, an appointment with Mrs Benson, our year group leader.



## Important Information

### PE

PE in Year One will take place on a

#### Monday (Indoor)

Please ensure your child has suitable PE Kit for indoor PE that has all items named.

#### Thursday (Outdoor)

Your child will need a suitable warm top, jogging bottoms and trainers.

**Please make sure your child is not wearing earrings on these days.**

**Details of the correct PE kit are available on the school website.**

### Reading Books, Homework and Spellings!

**Again many thanks for your continuing support with homework activities.**

Spellings will continue to be sent home weekly, along with a new set of topic challenges in the green scrap books. The scrap books will need to be completed by Friday 20th May 2016.

We will continue to revise all the diagraphs and trigraphs in our phonics books, and it would help enormously if you could spend just **five** minutes every day reinforcing this at home.

It would also be very helpful if your child has their reading book and comment book in their bag every day. The day we read in school may change.



## What are we learning?

**Our theme this half term is 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers!'**

We will begin by visiting the Grimsby Institute Animal Care Centre to help us to find out how to care for different types of animals. We will be handling the animals, so **please make the class teacher aware if your child has any allergies to animal fur as soon as possible.** We will be learning to identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, and learning the terms herbivore, carnivore and omnivore.

We will be reading a selection of animal poems and learning about Aesop's Fables. We will be creating our own class stories based on these traditional tales.

During our maths sessions, we will continue to work on our addition and subtraction, place value, fractions, shapes, measures, multiplication and division. We will continue to practise counting in groups of 1s, 2s, 5s, and 10 and counting backwards!

Towards the end of term, we will be visiting Hall Farm Park to see how the farmers care for their animals and to visit the countryside. We will investigate the features and abilities that we have in common with other animals and discover the importance of why animals use camouflage.

Throughout the term the children will be monitoring our very own caterpillars turning into butterflies and eggs turning into stick insects!

### Important Dates For Your Diary

**Tuesday 19th April**—Year 1 visit to Grimsby Institute Animal Care Centre during the morning. **Please notify the class teacher if your child has any allergies to animal fur as soon as possible.**

**Thursday 21st April**—Queen's Birthday Celebrations. Children to wear party clothes  
**(No outdoor PE today)**

**Friday 29th April**—Year 1 Gymnastics Festival Oasis Academy, Wintringham during the afternoon. Children to wear their outdoor PE kit to school.

**Monday 2nd May**—May Day Bank Holiday

**Friday 20th May**—Year 1 visit to Hall Farm Park (details to follow)

**Wednesday 25th May**—Year 1 Parent Sharing Session 3.45—3.10 (details to follow)

**Friday 27th May**—End of Term 5

Thank you!

The Year One Team.