

Teacher: Mrs Allison and Primary 1



# Welcome Message

We are all looking forward to a very exciting term enjoying Halloween, Fireworks and then Christmas celebrations including our annual Nativity performances on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December. I am looking forward to meeting with you all at our Parents evening on 13<sup>th</sup> November.

# Literacy

Last term we worked hard learning some of our initial sounds including s, a, t, p, i and n. This term we will be learning the following sounds and tricky words. It would be helpful if you are able to talk about these at home, discuss the sound, its action and name and even play games such as eye spy!

Sounds	r, m, e, d, c, k, g, o, f, l, b, u
Tricky words	am, my, his, me, and, said, can, did, play,
	go, got, get, for, on, are, be, to, but



The five finger approach is used to encourage children to build words with the sounds they learn. Children SAY the word out loud, MAKE/BREAK it using the individual sounds, BLEND the sounds together to say the word and READ it and then finally WRITE it!

#### Numeracy

In number we are learning basic addition and will also be looking at simple subtraction. We will be carrying out lots of practical activities to help us with this. We are also going to be learning 3D shapes such as cube, cuboids, cylinders and spheres. We will be learning about the properties of each of these shapes.

#### **Health & Wellbeing**

We are using a new Health and Wellbeing resource called, Cool in School. This has been designed to promote confidence and relationships. The children will explore stories focusing on the three characters, Tom, Kit and Jen and through discussion and follow-up activities they will develop skills to help them respond appropriately.

### Other Curricular Areas

In Story Land we are going to be exploring books written by Julia Donaldson such as Room on the Broom, The Smartest Giant in Town, Stick Man to name a few! The children love their time in Storyland and we will be posting photos on Twitter to share with you.

# Our PE days are Wednesday and Thursday

In PE this term we will be focusing on ball skills this will involve us exploring ways to control and move the ball with our feet and hands.

We will also be learning the Grand Old Duke of York and the Canadian Barn Dance before our Christmas Party.

For safety, jewellery should not be worn on PE days.

Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled.



# What you can do to help your child - some useful websites



Top Marks - Addition to 10



Alphabet Phonics song



Doorway Online a useful website for spelling, letter formation, money and much more!

