



# Staff in Class 1

- **Mrs Perry and Mrs Argyle.**
- **Mrs Baldwin and Mrs Cane are our classroom teaching assistants. They are both very experienced. Mrs Baldwin works in our class Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and Mrs Cane works in our class on a Friday morning. Mrs Cane also helps to supervise the children at lunchtimes.**



# School Uniform

- Please can your child wear school uniform at all times. On a Wednesday the children will change into their PE kits. Most PE will take place outside so please ensure that the children have jogging bottoms and a hoodie for the colder weather.
- Please can you ensure that all clothing is named as this helps the children to be more independent in looking after their own belongings and also helps us to identify lost items much more quickly and easily.

# Snack Times

- All children can bring in a healthy snack to have at morning playtime such as fruit, dried fruit or chopped vegetables.
- We ask that you provide your child with a named water bottle that they bring fresh each day; this can then be refilled in class if necessary.
- Parents can also choose for their children to have milk each morning for a small termly fee. (Cool milk)
- The children are given a variety of fruit and vegetables for afternoon snack that is provided free of charge.



# Homework

- Maths homework will be given out every other Friday in the form of a Math's workbook and collected in on a Wednesday.
- Spellings will be set weekly each Monday and tested the following Monday. Spellings can be found on the Class 1 page on the school website and the children will also have a copy stuck into their reading record and an additional copy to keep at home.
- Reading – Please read daily with your child and record that they have read, in their reading record – we will also write in your child's reading record when we hear them read.
- A reading comprehension will be given out every other Friday in the form of an English workbook and collected in on a Wednesday.
- All children will have a labelled homework folder, so everything is in one place – any extra information and/or letters will also be put into this folder.
- Please see homework letter for further clarification.

# Reading in school

- In school we aim to hear each child read individually at least twice per week. (we also change books daily if needed)
- In addition to this the children have small group, daily, phonics focused work with an adult – this teaches them about reading: For example learning the sounds and how to break words down to sound them out and learning a variety of different sounds and spellings.
- The children also have a daily guided reading session which always has a specific objective to help further the children's reading ability in accordance to where they are.
- The children have many opportunities within lessons to read and practise their reading.
- The children also have lots of opportunities to enjoy stories either independently or with each other or as a class.



# Reading at home

- Helping your child learn to read is a very special and exciting time.
- Listening to your child read daily and reading to them has a huge impact on their reading and their enjoyment of books. It also supports their learning in all other curriculum areas. The importance of reading with your child cannot be emphasised enough.
- We aim to encourage all children to love stories and to enjoy their reading experiences.

# Our Topic for Autumn Term



“Tiny Time Travellers”



# School newsletters and emails.

- At Deerhurst and Apperley we will continue to send home a fortnightly newsletter by email (or a paper copy on request). This newsletter will inform you of exciting news, up and coming events and general information. Please share any exciting achievements/awards that your child completes outside of school with us so that we can celebrate them during assembly.

# Online Payment System and forms

- At Deerhurst and Apperley, we continue to use a system where by you pay for trips and lunch online via parent pay.
- If there are any questions about this please ask Mrs Mottram, our school administrator.
- Please complete and sign any forms sent home as promptly as possible and inform the office if you have any contact detail changes during the academic year.




**Do you have any questions or worries?**

**Please don't worry in silence.**

If you have any concerns or worries we are always available at the gate at the end of the school day.

Alternatively you can telephone or email Mrs Mottram to arrange a meeting/phone call or to pass on a message/email to us.



We are very much looking forward to working with you and your child and cannot wait to share in our Class 1 adventure!

Thank you!