

# **Cusgarne Primary School**

## **Class 1 Information 2019-2020**

### **General Procedures:**

Registration is at 8:45am. The children are supervised in the playground from 8:30am. Any messages you might have for the class teachers can be given to the staff on duty. You can also ask them to arrange for you to see the class teachers at the end of the day if required.

There is a breakfast club from 8:00 am (a small charge applies) for those parents who wish to drop their children earlier. This, and payment for trips etc is now payable using Parentpay. Please see Mrs Hall or Mrs Holmes for further information.

### **Class arrangements and organisation:**

In Class 1 there are two year groups, Reception and Year 1 and the class teacher is Mrs Turner who is supported by Mrs Denton, Mrs Lanyon and Mrs Northey the class teaching assistants.

It is important that the children are not late in the morning. The whistle goes at 8:40am; the children line up with their class and enter school through the outdoor learning area. They put their own belongings away in the appropriate places and will be supported by the adults in the classroom to do this as well as ordering their lunches.

### **Curriculum:**

At the beginning of each term a topic web and a knowledge organiser will be sent home which gives you an overview of the themes of our planned learning within the different curriculum areas.

We follow the national curriculum for each year group, supported by our three curriculum drivers: Mental Health and Well-being, Global Awareness and Skills for Learning. We also follow the agreed Cornwall RE syllabus.

### **Reading:**

We encourage **ALL** the children to read every evening whenever possible and for parents to sign their reading records to confirm that they have been listened to. If your child cannot yet

read then the reading books, which are sent home, can be read to them; however, we encourage parents to talk about the books and the pictures with their children.

Parents are asked to write in their children's reading record each time a book is read, this will help us to know when to support your child in changing their reading book and also so that we can reward the children with 'a read' each day (including 2 at weekends). A little note to say whether the child enjoyed the book or if they struggle on certain words is also helpful.

Reading bands are presented each week in assembly when the children achieve 15, 30, 50, 80, 110, 150, 200, 250, 280 'reads.' Those children who achieve the highest black band for 280 reads are also rewarded with a fun day out at the end of the year. Children who are heard regularly at home usually make more than the expected progress in reading and are more likely to develop a love of reading. In school, children in class 1 are heard either individually or within their year groups every week.

Our daily English sessions also focus upon reading different texts on a whole class/ small group basis. We have 'ERIC' (Everyone Reading In Class) time in the afternoon to promote quiet, sustained reading, we also use this time to listen to individual readers. In addition to our reading scheme books, the children have the opportunity to choose a library book which they can swap throughout the week. Parents may read a non-scheme book to their child at weekends and this will be counted as one of their weekend reads.

### **Spelling:**

Practice sheets are given out each Friday for children to learn at home with you throughout the following week (these sheets do not need to be returned.) In school, we continue to practice each day to prepare for the regular spelling test held each Friday. As the year progresses the year 1 children will also be practising their multiplication tables on a weekly basis which are also tested on Friday morning.

### **PE:**

Our designated days are Thursday and Friday afternoons. There is also a KS1 sports club on Wednesday 3-4pm. However, PE kits need to stay in school every day as timetabling is flexible based on our weather. We will do games outside where possible so the children will need trainers for this. Indoor gym and dance lessons will be done in bare feet, unless your child has a verruca then they will need to wear their trainers. Plimsolls are not required.

### **Homework:**

Homework is set in Class 1 and involves weekly spellings and some topic related homework tasks that will take the form of fun activities or mini-projects that are completed at the parents' discretion. We will display the homework in our class and will encourage children to talk about what they have made and how they made it.

## **Class 1 essentials:**

We take part in a great deal of outdoor learning in Class 1 and it would be helpful if each child could bring to school a waterproof coat and a pair of wellington boots which can be left in school but should be clearly marked with their name.

## **Things to remember:**

**Mondays:** Return PE kit when taken home to be washed. It is important that your child has their PE kit in school throughout the week.

**Thursday:** Bring in any certificates, trophies and medals for Celebration Assembly.

**Fridays:** This will be our regular spelling test day and as the year progresses for those children in year 1 it will also be our multiplication tables day. New spelling lists will be sent home as well as any homework projects. Take PE kits home to be washed, if needed.