

## **Puffins**



Dear Parents and Carers

Hope you all had a great summer and are now ready for the next exciting year in Year 1 Puffin class. We have spent the last week getting to know each other and learning all of the class and school rules. Mrs Sargeant and I are extremely impressed with the knowledge and understanding all the children have displayed so far.

Our topic for this half term is 'All About Me'. We will be learning about each other's lives and the community that we all live in through local walks and comparing old maps to current maps within our Geography and History lessons. We will also be looking at our bodies for Science and exploring and drawing a variety of self-portrait styles for Art lessons.

## **Homework**

As per our school Homework Policy children will be expected to spend up to 1 hour on homework tasks, this can include:

- Reading books and key words
- Learning spellings
- Learning number facts
- English activities
- Maths activities

It is important to encourage and assist your child with their reading and spellings at home as we have seen the fantastic impact this has on their essential skills for learning. We aim to change reading books every Monday and Thursday. Your child will need to have their book bags in school daily please. Every Friday your child will be given a home spelling book, these spellings need to be learnt and your child needs to use these within a sentence to demonstrate understanding. Spelling books need to be returned every Thursday ready for the new spelling to be given out of a Friday.

## **School essentials**

PE lessons are timetables for Wednesday and Thursday every week so please ensure your child has a full kit in school (Navy shorts, plain white t-shirt and

pumps/trainers). Kits will be left in school and returned home at the end of every half term. Also, if possible please provide your child with a labelled water bottle daily, especially during the warmer weather.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your continuing support for this year and we look forward to the exciting times ahead.

Please do not hesitate to come and discuss any concerns you may have.

Miss Coghlan, Mrs Sargeant and Mrs Murphy