



# The Priory Church of England Primary School

***Learning together, aiming high***

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Class 1! I hope that you had a relaxing summer holiday and have enjoyed the transition back to relative normality during this first week of term, despite these strange times. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting each and every new Class 1 pupil this week and have been very impressed with how focused and motivated they have been. This year, the pupils will be taught by me every day apart from Tuesday, when Mrs Homan will be in Class 1. We are also very lucky to have the help of Teaching Assistants Miss Bryan, Mrs Gwynn, Mrs Anderson and Mrs Crabb with us this year.

As our class will be operating as a 'bubble' this term, there are a few differences which the children have been getting used to. As well as **extra care being taken with hygiene**, we have been getting used to having certain **zones** to play in at break and lunch. Whole school worship has been replaced by YouTube/Zoom and teacher led-worship.

Other than the above, it is very much 'business as usual', and it has been so lovely having thirty smiling faces to teach this week! This term's project is '**Dino discovery!**', which is a history unit, focusing on the study of dinosaurs, in which we will develop our investigation skills as we learn about different types of dinosaurs and discover where we can look for more information. For our **brilliant beginning** we will be visited by a special (secret!) visitor who will leave an egg behind and it will be our job to find out who or what could be inside!

In **English**, we will be starting the 'Talk4Writing' approach, which involves learning a story off-by-heart, through the use of story mapping and oral recital, with accompanying actions. This will really benefit pupils when forming their own ideas for writing. This week, we have started to look at the story of '**Goldilocks and the Three Bears**', which will lead to us composing our own similar story.

In **Maths**, we have started the *Maths No Problem* scheme and this half-term we will be exploring numbers to 10, learning to work with them fluently and accurately, including developing addition and subtraction skills alongside our number bond facts.

In **Science**, we are focusing on seasonal changes and will set up our own weather stations in order to observe the changes across the four seasons, including the different weather conditions.



In **PE** the pupils will develop their sending and receiving skills, coordination and control, and practice throwing and catching in different ways.

In **Art / D & T** we will be exploring the three primary colours and will examine abstract art, including the works of Piet Mondrian and Wassily Kandinsky.

In **RE** we will be considering what we are thankful for and thanking God for all that he has done for us, especially nearing Harvest time.

In **Music** we will be learning to sing, play, improvise and compose the song 'Hey You!', as part of the Charanga scheme.

In **Computing/ICT**, we will be using technology to map the local area and then program a bee bot around it.

In **PSHE**, we will be using the Jigsaw scheme to think about 'Me in my world', as well as learning how to 'Get Heartsmart'.

### **Home Learning**

Pupils will be set **English** home learning tasks each **Monday**, to be completed by Thursday. **Maths** home learning will be set on **Thursday**, to be completed by the following Monday.

Pupils in Class 1 are expected to **read at home on a daily basis**. Each time they read, a record should be made in the Reading Records which they have been given. Please keep an eye on the Class 1 Blog on the school website, which is regularly updated with information, photographs and the Learner of the Week.

### **P.E.**

P.E. will take place on a **Monday and Games will take place on a Tuesday**- pupils should **wear their kits to school** on these days.

Thank you for your continued support as we look forward to a fun and successful term in Class 1.

Kind regards,

Miss Etheridge  
Class 1 Teacher

