



The Priory Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Class 1! I hope that you had a relaxing summer holiday and are beginning to settle back into the school routine. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know each and every new member of Class 1 this week and have been very impressed with how focused and motivated they have been. This year, the children will be taught by me every day apart from Tuesday afternoon, when Mrs Homan will be in Class 1. We are also very lucky to have the help of Mrs Andrews.

Our topic this term is '**Dino Discovery!**', which is a combined history and science unit, in which we will develop our investigation skills as we learn about different types of dinosaurs. We will be looking at the work of Mary Anning and will even dissect dinosaur droppings to investigate which dinosaurs were carnivores, which ones were herbivores and which ones were omnivores! 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 benefit the children 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 to observe the changes across the four seasons, including the different weather conditions.

In **PE** we will develop our sending and receiving skills, coordination and control, and practice throwing and catching in different ways.

In **Art** 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 looking at the symbol of light and its importance for both the Jewish and Christian faiths.

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

In **Computing**, 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 home learning tasks via Google Classroom. Each **Monday** an English task will be set which should 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 their Reading Record 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. Days:

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

We hope you are excited for the term ahead and we look forward to a fun and successful year in Class 1.

Kind regards,

Miss Etheridge
Class 1 Teacher

