



Dear Parents/ Carers,

## Our learning so far...

As part of our ongoing learning in Year 1 and across the school we have been focusing on our feelings. We aim to discuss ways the children's feelings might show themselves in our bodies e.g. nervous or worried might give us tummy aches or make us cry and how being excited to happy can make us fidgety or giggly. It is important to us that the children can understand what their bodies are telling them and that they can label these feelings. We also want the children to know appropriate ways that they can deal with and talk about their feelings in school and at home. In Year 1 we start every Monday with circle time and end every Friday with mindfulness to teach them about these issues and to help them reflect on their experiences.

## Maths

Recently in maths we have been working on place value with numbers to 50 - 100. We have been exploring one more and one less, greater than and less than and making visual representations of numbers to really understand their structure and how to use them in our calculations. The children have been using our lovely new resources to explore place value as part of our practical maths. We want to say a huge 'THANK YOU' to the PTA as we used money raised by them to enrich our maths teaching and learning this half term.

As we move forward in maths we will be exploring length and heights in some exciting ways... watch this space!

## Literacy

The children really enjoyed our discovery of the fictional text 'Leon and the space between' and we built up class word walls of all of the exciting new language that helped us visualise the story and all of its magic.

The children really loved the themes of animals in the circus, we had long debates about whether we think animals should be used in the circus or not. The children were so passionate about this topics that now we have begun exploring non - fiction texts about animals and we hope to build fact pages about the animals we know and love.



## Calling all Dad's, Stepdad's, Uncle's, older brothers, Grandpa's, Male Cousins!

There is a noticeable difference between the number of male teachers and female teachers we have in primary education and the majority of parent helpers who come into school are women. We need to raise the profile of men in our children's education to inspire our children - especially boys!

It is important that children see men reading books, being caring and compassionate and showing just as much emotion as women. Research shows that when dads and other male figures are engaged in children's education, a child's focus and achievement improves. Therefore we would like to invite any male family members into school for some reading on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 8.30 am. This will only be a 20 min session where the children can read to and or listen to some male role models read. Please let us know if you would like to take part.

## Homework

We try to mark homework and stick in on a Thursday. Please return your child's homework book to school every Thursday ready for new homework to be stuck in. If it is not in school you will receive the homework in their book bags not stuck in.

## INTERNET SAFETY

In Spring 1 we focused on internet safety as part of our PHSCE and ICT work. The children were introduced to rules about sharing information online and who is it safe to talk to. We always stress with the children that if they are unsure the answer is no and they should talk to a grown up.

## PE

Please can we ask that you add jogging bottoms and trainers to the children's PE kits as when the weather is appropriate we aim to have an outdoor session each week.

## Reminders

- Phonics talk Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 9am - this meeting will provide more information about the Phonics screening your child will be sitting in June.

- Music performance is Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 9am
- Dad reading date Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.  
Come in with your child at 8.30 am.

*Many thanks for your support.*

**The Year 1 Team**