

# Welcome to Year 1

**Hello** and happy new year to you all. It has been lovely welcoming you all back to school this week and the children have settled in very well. We are excited to get going with our learning as we have some wonderful topics and activities planned.

## Maths

This term the children will begin by looking at addition and subtraction within 20. Children will be able to read and write number sentences and use practical resources to find the answers. We will then be delving deeper into numbers up to 50; sorting, counting, ordering and comparing. We will be looking at the place value of 2-digit numbers – understanding tens and ones.

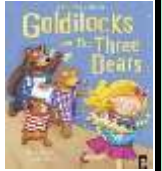
### How can I help?

You can help by encouraging your child to spot 2-digit numbers out and about whether on TV, in a book or on a bus for example. Point out which side is the tens column and which side is the ones column and asking 'how many tens in 32?' 'how many ones in 32?'.

Top marks education has lots of fun maths games! [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) – A link will be sent out on Seesaw.

## English – Writing

This half term we will first explore the traditional tale of Goldilocks and the Three Bears but with a twist. We will be looking at Goldilocks as the villain! A porridge thief! Within this we will be writing wanted posters, character descriptions, questions to interview her as the suspect as well as instructions on how to catch a porridge thief. We will then move on to The Three Billy Goats Gruff where we will be learning the story using actions, story mapping and creating our own version of the story.



## English – Reading

We will continue to have daily phonics lessons consolidating phase 3 sounds and teaching phase 5 sounds. We also have 3 reading sessions per week so each child is heard reading at least 3 times per week.

### How can I help?

Please, please read with your children. We send home books every week if you could hear your child read at least once it would have a huge impact on your child's reading progress.

## Curriculum

This term in Science the children will be learning all about materials. They will be able to identify and name different materials such as; wood, plastic, metal, glass etc as well as describe their properties. They will be carrying out experiments such as finding absorbent and waterproof materials and materials that sink/float. In the last week, we will invite you in to build a boat with your child using their knowledge of materials and we will test them out to see if they sink/float.



In History we are exploring the life of Grace Darling. We will challenge her motives and learn what changes have been made since. We will be visiting St Mary's Lighthouse in Whitley Bay to learn about Lighthouses and their keepers.

## Useful Information

**PE DAY – Wednesday** Children **MUST** bring their PE kits into school on this day. If you are struggling to provide a PE kit please let me know or mention it to Mrs Jameson or Mrs Stewart and we will see if we can support you with this.

**Phonics Reading Book** - Children will bring home a phonics book which they will be able to read using their phonics knowledge. Please keep their reading book in their bag so it can be changed weekly.

**Sickness** – We understand there are lots of bugs going around at the moment and sickness cannot be helped. However, we would like your child to be in school as much as possible. We are desperate to win the attendance trophy on a Friday!



If you don't currently have Seesaw please speak to me as soon as possible. You are missing out on wonderful pictures and videos of your child's learning in action. Parents who do have Seesaw really love having that insight into our classroom. We also use Seesaw for reminders and updates.