# Year 1/2 Information Briefing



Jess Scott- Team Leader and Deputy Headteacher

Mr Hemmings- Team Leader from half term

Sarah Hubbard- Class Teacher and Read Write Inc Reading Leader

Sarah Robinson-Class Teacher

Michelle Rosenfeld- Class Teacher

Tiffany O'Connell- Class Teacher

**Lena Woor-** Class Teacher

**Gemma Thomas-** Class Teacher

#### The Team

- Big Transition for Year 1s
- Work is often desk based. Expectation that answers are framed, more teacher directed.
- 2 weeks in Classes getting to know new teachers
- Reduction in curriculum content to allow half an hour story time at the end of each day
- Increase in practical maths activities for Year 1 at the start of the year
- Change to English curriculum to allow a more gradual build-up of skills

## **Supporting Transition**

- Daily Maths, English and Phonics in groups
- Afternoons: History, Geography, Science, PE, Music, Art PSHE or RE
- Two play times
- Reading- daily as part of RWInc Scheme and within English lessons
- Assembly each day

#### How is a day structured?

- Single Year teaching for Maths and English
- Some Year 2 children may access Year 1 curriculum for Maths and English
- Regular liaison meetings between the two teachers
- Groups will start next week
- Paper Letter to confirm teacher- coming home on Friday

# How are the children grouped for Maths and English?

- Taught daily
- Year 1 Children have just been assessed
- Year 2 children will largely access a spelling programme with phonics as needed
- Assessed regularly
- More information in Phonics Briefing (24<sup>th</sup> September)

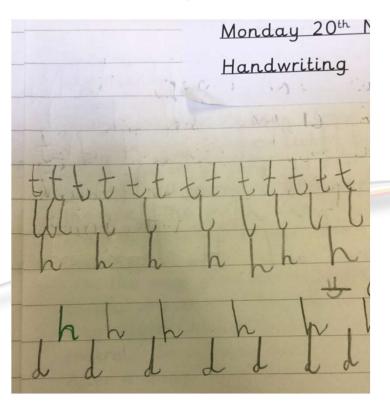
#### **Phonics**

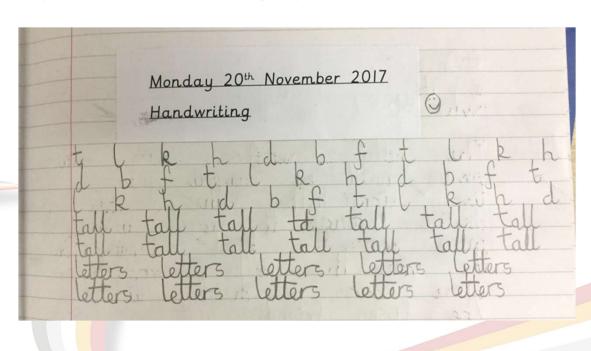
- Write daily
- Every unit has a text which the children will be exposed to
- Focus on basic transcription in the first term
- Aim: by the end of Year 2 all children will write in accurate sentences, punctuated with !? or . and begin to use conjunctions (because, so but).

# Writing

#### abcdefghijklmnopgrstuvwxyz

Aiming for all children to use joined handwriting by the end of Year 2





# Handwriting

- Taught daily
- Aim for the children to be fluent in basic maths skills (mental addition and subtraction, multiplication and division) by the time they leave Year 2
- Maths workshops for parents 15<sup>th</sup> October

#### Maths

- This term: Geography and History of Cambridge,
   Materials, Gustav Klimt, The Carnival of the Animals,
   Judaism
- Knowledge Organisers support with what children will be learning
- Embed key knowledge- lots of over learning, role play
- Trips and visitors- Cambridge
- PE is taught twice weekly and PSHE weekly: Rules, Rights and Responsibilities, Gymnastics and Tennis

## Topic work

Aiming to consolidate basic skills

#### Homework

- Reading books changed weekly on a Monday
- 2 books/ 1 longer
- One decodable book. One trickier book to share
- Only receive new books if they have bought old ones back
- LRC- visited weekly
- Reading Log please send in on a Friday

## Homework-Reading

- Termly or half termly 'red words' list will be sent home
- These are to learn at your leisure
- We will test every term and let you know which words your children don't yet spell accurately

# Homework-Spelling/Phonics

- Aiming to build fluency
- Children to access Numbots 4-5 times a week (5 minutes is fine) Teachers will be monitoring the uptake of this.
- Spend this time in Story Mode
- Speak to teachers if the pace is too fast or you can't access
   IT
- We will move Year 2 pupils on to Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) for homework once they have completed the latter stages

#### Homework- Maths

- Children will no longer sit SATS tests in KS1
- Phonics testing in Year 1

# Statutory Testing

- Uniform- red and white t-shirts/red jumpers/ cardigans only
- All children to have a water bottle
- All clothing and water bottles (especially in PE kits) to be named
- No toys/ games/ additional books to be bought into school unless you have a prior arrangement with the teacher
- No key rings on bags- these are often lost
- Please let teachers know any regular or irregular pick up arrangements (including when your child goes to Kids Club)
- Healthy snacks only please
- Please email the Office with any longer messages you wish to share with class teachers as teachers are busier at start of day

#### Our requests

- Read with your child
- Practise spellings and maths
- Knowledge Organisers
- Talk to your child's teacher- after school
- Come in to see your child's classroom
- Help in the classroom

#### What can you do to help?

- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2:30pm: KS1 Poetry Recital
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September: Jeans for Genes Day
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 6pm: KS1 Phonics Briefing
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October: House Day
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 3:10pm: Maths Parents Workshops
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October: Parent Consultation Meetings
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October: Parent Consultation Meetings
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup>- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October: Half Term
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December- Year 1/2 Christmas Production (2:15pm)
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December- Year 1/2 Christmas Production (2:15pm)

•

#### Key Dates for Term