

## Welcome to Year 1!

Hello and welcome to the Unicorn class. We hope you have all had a relaxing and great summer.

Maths and English will be taught daily and Phonics will be taught four times per week. In Maths, we will begin the year by focusing on place and value, followed by addition and subtraction to 10. This is to ensure they have a secure ability to count, compare and place numbers up to 10.

During our English lessons we will be focusing on the books *The Dot*, *Here We Are*, *Billy Goats Gruff* and *Beegu*. We will be encouraging children to consider their punctuation, handwriting and applying their phonics knowledge and skills to their writing.

In Phonics, we will begin the term with recapping phase 2, 3 and 4 to ensure pupils have maintained their phonic knowledge they learned last school year. We will then introduce sounds from phase 5 and will encourage the pupils to use their phonics skills across the curriculum.

In Geography, we will start the autumn term with learning about our school and the local area. The pupils will develop their map-reading skills to explore the school and the wider Old Village. Then, after the October break will learn about the historical event, The Great Fire of London.

In Science, we will begin the year learning about our senses. We hope that by teaching the children about their senses it will help them explore the world around them. After half term, we will be exploring 'everyday materials' and investigating their properties.

Our P.E. lessons will take place on Wednesdays. Please ensure children are coming to school in a PE kit appropriate for an outdoor lesson. The PE uniform will consist of: plain black joggers, plain black or green shorts, plain black hoodie or COVPS PE hoodie, COVPS PE t-shirt or plain white shirt.

Children are expected to read 5 times per week at home and for this to be recorded in the reading records. House points will be given as a reward.

On Fridays, children are welcome to bring in something for 'show and tell', however, please ensure that the item is linked to our learning.

We are looking forward to an exciting first term ahead in the Unicorn Class. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Miss Knight and Miss England.