



# North Duffield Community Primary School

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## Class 1 Autumn 1 Newsletter

We have had such a brilliant start to the new school term. Our Year 1 children have been fantastic in helping our new starters settle into the routines.

This year the class teacher is Miss Williams. Throughout the week Class 1 will have Mrs Hemingway and Mrs Elston assisting them with their hard work, along with Mrs Oswald on a Wednesday afternoon.

### Curriculum

This term we are planning our Literacy around the books *I wish I'd Been Born a Unicorn* by Rachel Lyon and *What the Ladybird Heard* by Julia Donaldson. Both year groups will have daily phonic and handwriting sessions, with Year 1 having the additional guided reading sessions. The children will also develop their mathematical skills across the board, including the daily use of the arithmetic cards within our maths skills sessions. The curriculum will be enhanced with history, geography, music, PE, PSHCE and art, covering a number of short topics focusing on knowledge.

### Start and End of Day

Thank you for already following our one way system which has helped to achieve a smooth start to the day. As a quick reminder, drop off is between 8:50-9am and pick up is 3:30pm. Should you need to speak to us, please arrange a time by contacting the office by email on [admin@northduffield.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@northduffield.n-yorks.sch.uk) or by telephone on 01757 288487.

### Homework and Reading Books

Year 1 will have a pink homework book that is given alongside their new reading book on **Friday's**. Please return the reading book and completed homework on the following **Wednesday** so the book can be changed and new homework added for the Friday. You will also be given arithmetic cards for you to practice at home.

EYFS children will begin their school year with only reading as their homework. Their books will be given out on **Fridays**. Please return the reading book on the following **Wednesday** ready for a new one.

As an addition, we found Oxford Owl which has free e-books for children to read online, they also offer audio to these books to help. This can be found at [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk). We have also found <https://readingeggs.co.uk/> which offer a 30 day free trial that could suit some children. For our **new starters**, we are not expecting the children to be able to read so I would recommend you read the books you have at home with your child and encourage them to look at the pictures and try to explain what they think the story might be.

### Snacks and water bottles

EYFS and Year 1 children are offered one piece of fruit in school each morning break. In addition you are welcome to provide a **healthy** playtime snack for the second breaktime for your child, no chocolate or products with nuts in please. Thank you for already providing named water bottles. These will be returned home daily to be washed and re-filled.

### P.E

P.E will be every **Monday** and **Thursday**. Please ensure that children come in their P.E kits on those days. This consists of:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain navy or black shorts
- A pair of trainers and/or plimsolls for indoor use
- Pupils also need a dark tracksuit or similar warm clothing for outdoor games in cold weather

We hope you are looking forward to starting (and continuing) your educational journey with us at North Duffield Primary School.

Kind Regards

Miss Williams

