

# Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Welcome back Year 1, we wish you all a happy 2018.

The last two days we have been busy getting back into the routine of a school day. We have introduced new activities such as morning wake and shake and afternoon languages.

We have created some wonderful picture descriptions of how to be a good friend as we discussed this during our circle time. In groups the children worked together to decide what it means to be a good friend. In our books we described what it means to be a good friend and illustrated this with a drawing of what a good friend looks like.

Children discussed what they did during their winter holiday thinking about key moments which they enjoyed. From this discussion the children created a recount of what they got up to during their winter holidays using punctuation, adjectives and conjunctions such as 'and' and 'because'.

In Maths, we have begun our topic of Place Value. Children were asked to count forwards and backwards to and from 100. We focused on missing numbers recognising when a number is missing. The children explained how they knew a number was missing by counting onwards to spot the mistakes.

## How can you help at home?

During the winter holiday, our reading corner has had a make over and turned into a magical rainbow. As part of this we would like to display pictures of the children reading a book in a strange place. This could be outside, under a table or even as bizarre as in the bath. There will be a competition to see who can find the most unusual place, happy hunting!

## This week's home learning is:

As it is the start of the school year, there will be no homework or spellings this week, please go over the spelling's we have already sent home and any that your child has been getting wrong. Please continue to read with your child over the weekend.

## Important dates:

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018:** Phonics workshop – 3pm and 6pm (please attend either one)

## Thought of the week:

Mistakes are proof that you are trying.

## This week's star of the week is:

**Jessica D:** For developing a positive attitude to learning.

**Cameron:** For settling in well to a new school.

# Congratulations!