

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope I find you well after the first week back at school and that you had a wonderful summer holiday filled with adventure, excitement and laughter.



To begin with I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you who I have not met previously or only briefly in passing; in addition to saying hello again to those of you who I have met through the teaching of older siblings of your year 1 child/children.



We will commence the year with a History unit and then a Geography unit after the October half-term holiday. Our History unit will see us learning about Local History with a focus on Farming. To focus our learning we will endeavour to answer the following question:

How has farming changed over time and has anything stayed the same?

If you have any items that are related to farming that you think may be useful to our learning please send into school; items for display, artefacts for the children to

look at, books for them to explore or items linked to local history it would be gratefully received.

In a similar vein to History and Geography, Art will be paired with Design and Technology, with Art taught first and Design and Technology taught after the October half-term. In Art we will be creating drawn pictures and watercolour paintings based upon observational drawings of the local area. Science will see us commencing our year long study of seasonal change as well as a unit based upon Animals.

We will be spending our PE lessons carrying out games and dance (**PE will take place on a Tuesday – indoor and a Thursday – outdoor. Please send your child into school wearing their PE kit**). In IT the children will carry out three units in the Autumn term; Online safety, technology outside of school and grouping and sorting. RE lessons will follow the 2022 agreed syllabus where the children will learn about belonging through Autumn 1 and then Christmas in Autumn 2 (although I have to admit it feels strange writing about Christmas whilst enjoying the blazing August sunshine).

End of day collection: If a different person is collecting your child at the end of the school day, please ensure that you speak to a member of the Class 1 team at drop off or contact the school office. If we are unsure about collection, we will always contact the designated parent/carers before passing a child over.

I look forward to working with you over the course of the upcoming year.

Yours,

Mr Mallison
Class 1 Teacher/Arts Coordinator