

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year. We hope you all had a very enjoyable summer holiday.

Our team this year consists of:

Year 1CL - Mrs Lewis - Hartlepool

Year 1JB - Miss Booty - Middlesbrough

Year 1NR - Mr Robinson - Darlington

Year 2AB - Mrs Brown - London

Year 2LC - Mrs Chambers - Cardiff

Year 2RA/ML - Mrs Antonini / Mrs Lake - Edinburgh

The children will also benefit from the support of the teaching assistants based in Year 1 and 2. The children may complete various activities with the support of Mrs Cullinan, Miss Brown and Mrs Massa. Mrs Elwell will be covering some classes to allow teachers planning and preparation time and will also be working with children individually and in small groups throughout the week.

Thank you for your support in making the beginning of this very unusual school year run so smoothly and calmly. The children have settled in well and are keen and eager to learn. They all look very smart in their school uniforms. **Please would you make sure that all clothes and belongings are clearly labelled with the children's names to avoid mix-ups - especially coats, jumpers and shoes.** All children should come with a water bottle each day as the water fountains are out of action at the present time.

As usual we will be continuing English and Maths on a daily basis.

In **English** our main focus up to Christmas will be stories, poetry, non-fiction, explanations and instructions. Our Year 1 topic for this term is George Stephenson with a literacy focus on descriptive writing, story-telling, non-fiction writing and instructions using texts about trains. Our Year 2 topic is based on The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson with a literacy focus on rhyming, story-telling, explanations, non-fiction and instructions. Within the class the children will work individually with tables facing towards the front for the time being. Guided reading will predominantly be taught as a whole class using large books on the screen. As we use a cursive handwriting script, we will also be focussing on handwriting practice to ensure children can join the letters by the end of Key Stage 1.

Book bags will not be used at the moment as all of the homework will be allocated via ActiveLearn online. The children will be allocated maths games to play that will consolidate what they have learnt that week and they will also be allocated books to read. Teachers are able to access who is completing the tasks and will be setting new ones on a weekly basis. It is very important for the children to be able to access these books at home as we are currently not able to send reading books home. If you have any problem logging on please contact your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

The focus in **Maths** this term will be number and place value. We will continue to learn number facts to 10 and 20, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s linked to multiplication facts, describing and identifying properties of 2D and 3D shapes and consolidating methods used in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

For Year 2, spellings will form part of the homework. The children will be given a set of words incorporating a specific blend to learn for a test the following week. These will come home each week on paper and do not need to be returned. Please email if you do not receive these and we can send them.

In **P.E.** we will be doing basic skills and outdoor games every week (weather permitting). At present the hall cannot be used for PE. The children need a pair of trainers to be kept in school as our PE days may vary depending on the weather.

Diary Dates

Friday 23 rd October	PD day
Monday 26 th October - Friday 30 th October	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November	Back to school
Thursday 17 th December	End of term
Monday 4 th January	Back to school

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to **Marvellous Me**. It is a great way for us to keep you informed on the progress your child is making and to let you know any important information and special news. Keep Hi5ing us!

Any school correspondence that is emailed will also be available on the Ingleby Mill School website (<http://www.inglebymill.org.uk>) under the parent section and letters.

Thank you,

Mrs Brown
Mrs Lake

Mr Robinson
Mrs Antonini

Mrs Elwell
Mrs Chambers

Miss Booty
Mrs Lewis