

# Class 1 news for Autumn 1

Welcome!

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely Summer. We are very excited about the new school year and the new topics and learning we are going to do in Class 1. Please feel free to approach us to ask any questions or if you have any concerns, we will endeavour to help you and your child. Let's have a successful year. 😊



Initially we will be supporting the children to make new friends and find out about each other's interests. We will then be focusing on our new topic of Julia Donaldson stories including 'The Gruffalo', 'Room on the Broom' and 'The Scarecrows' Wedding'.

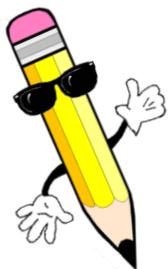
## Expressive Art and Design

The children will be creating drawings, paintings and collages linked to the different stories, for example designing their own 'truly magnificent' broomsticks. The focus for role play and imaginative play will be linked to the Julia Donaldson stories covered and the role play area will be turned into a Gruffalo cave. The children will be learning simple songs related to Julia Donaldson books and they will explore using different instruments to add 'forest' music.

## Science

Linked to our work about 'The Gruffalo' and 'The Gruffalo's Child' we will be exploring woodlands finding out about the creatures and plants you may find there. We will also be investigating light sources and shadows.





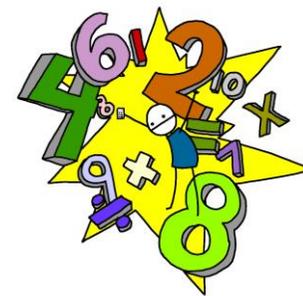
# Literacy

We will be using Julia Donaldson stories as a stimulus for most of our literacy work this half term. The children will be retelling the stories using props. They will be having a go at writing for different purposes, for example, a magic spell, a menu and speech bubbles. The children will be developing their understanding of rhyming through these stories. The children will be practising writing their names with their surnames. The children will be learning new sounds through the daily RWI lessons and practising these sounds through reading and spelling.

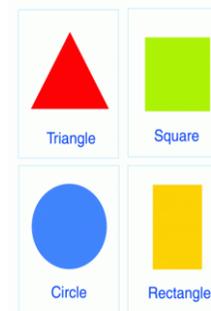
We will be using the outdoor area regularly so please make sure your child has a suitable coat and footwear.



# Maths



In our first half term, we will be counting, reading and writing numbers to 20 and beyond. We will be using language such as most and least to compare numbers. The children will be solving problems saying which number is one more and one less than a given number and using apparatus to solve addition and subtraction problems. We will also be naming and describing 2D shapes and using them to create pictures.



Class 1 have PE on Monday and Thursday. We will be focusing on throwing and catching skills and travelling in different ways this half term. P.E. will be inside or outside depending on the weather. We will continue to run the daily mile as often as possible so please ensure your child always has a pair of trainers in school.



The children love to create models in our creative area so if you have any small cardboard boxes or plastic pots please bring them in.

