

# Year 1 Newsletter

## My wonderful five senses

Prime Question: What are my wonderful senses and how do I use them?

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 1! I hope you all had a wonderful Summer. This term we will be focusing on our senses and how we use them. At home you can help the children by discussing the different sounds that can be heard on the way to school. You could conduct some blindfolded taste tests- encourage the children to describe tastes using adjectives such as sweet, sour, salty etc. You could discuss with the children what some of their favourite and not so favourite smells are. You could ask the children to describe how different objects feel- rough, smooth, fluffy, sticky etc. You could encourage the children to carefully use their sense of sight by completing a 'spot the difference' puzzle or by looking at some 'Where's Wally?' books. I hope you have fun together talking about our topic and completing the Learning Challenge Homework over the upcoming weeks. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to meeting you all.

### Days to Remember

Educational visit	TBC
P.E.	Monday and Friday
Class Assembly	13 <sup>th</sup> November



*Learning to love, loving to learn*

## Autumn 1 2018

Class Teacher: Mrs. Copeland

TA: Mrs. Anderson & Mrs. Mathiethasson

### Homework

Homework will be given out on Fridays to be returned the following Wednesday.

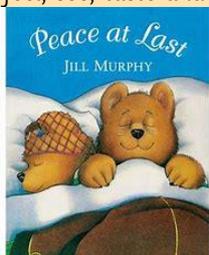
Week 1 homework – RE based

Weeks 2-8 - Maths and English.

Learning Challenge half termly project due back on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October.**

### Learning Challenge:

In this learning challenge we will explore questions like "How many senses do I have? How do I use my senses every day? And what would life be like without my senses?" In English we will develop our sense of listening and will learn to develop skills of writing, speaking and drama to understand how our senses work. Through reading the book 'Peace at Last' we shall understand how our senses depend on a good level of rest. In Maths we will learn how to use our senses to count, recognise number patterns, patterns and shapes. We will try to use all our senses to problem solve mathematical challenges. In Science we will identify, name and label the basic parts of the human body and we will also learn about how these parts help us smell, feel, see, taste and hear.



### Values Education



**September: Understanding**

**October: Patience**

Please discuss these values with your child, identifying acts that represent them.

### Reading

📖 Please read with your child for at least 15 mins every night. Spend time talking about the story together.

📖 Book bags must be brought daily with reading books and reading records inside.

### School & PE Uniform

Please ensure every item of uniform is clearly marked appropriately with your child's full name.

### How you can help at home

- 📖 Discuss with your child the things they have learned each day.
- 📖 Get them into a routine for doing homework. Provide them with a quiet area and regular time to complete homework. Check and sign their homework (Good preparation for Secondary School).
- 📖 Read with your child.
- 📖 Practise times tables.
- 📖 Talk about each month's value with your child.
- 📖 Read and discuss the "Wednesday Word" every week with your child.