



NORTON SUB HAMDON
C of E V.C Primary School
New Road
Norton sub Hamdon
STOKE SUB HAMDON
Somerset
TA14 6SF
Telephone: (01935) 881815



E-Mail Address – NortonSH@educ.somerset.gov.uk
Headteachers: Mr J Caswell & Ms Liz Stiddard

Autumn Term 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Class One! What an amazing start we have had! The children are adapting so well to being in Reception already! True superstars, especially as transition has been so different and you all have had to say your goodbyes at the door. We are very much looking forward to the coming year. This term will be all about getting to know the children and for the children to get to know the school environment.

Please remember we are not only here for your child but also for you. Do not hesitate to discuss anything with us either by phoning the office, via google classroom or by making an appointment.

I will be teaching Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays supported by Ms De la Hey every morning and Miss Brown in the afternoons. On Wednesdays, Miss Brown will be teaching Class One supported by Ms De la Hey.

Due to the current circumstances there are a few differences to our classroom. We will not be able to have soft toys, cushions, playdough or sand until further notice but please be assured that all equipment and toys used will be sanitised regularly. This also means that the children will not be able to bring any toy from home into school either.

We will begin our Phonics and Mathematics programmes from week 3. This is the first week all the children will be in together until 1.30pm. From week 4 we will be in full-time. The children will receive their book bags from the FONS. There will also be a phonic file which will contain the letter sounds we are learning. Due to the current circumstances, the phonics file contains all the letter sounds for this term for you to practise with your child. Please keep this safe at home and do not be tempted to race ahead! Please practise the phonics that we are learning at school. These will be posted on our Google classroom page. A parent phonic meeting will be on **Monday 16th November from 3.30pm**, highlighting further information on our phonic programme. More details regarding this meeting will follow later this half term.

Topics to be covered this term: -

Knowledge and Understanding of the World:
Forest School/Outdoor learning

- This is me!/Autumn/Julia Donaldson/
- Learning to keep safe/ signs of Autumn/team building/curriculum linked activities

Language, Literacy and Communication:

- Seasonal Literacy-linked to outdoor activities and topics, listening and responding, storytelling, following simple instructions and RWInc Set 1 phonics.

Mathematics

- Numbers: counting and recognition 0-10 1:1 correspondence, more or less, addition and subtraction
Shape, space and measures: 2D shape and 3D shape

PSE and R.E:

- Settling in, getting to know each other understanding and following school rules, expressing different emotions and Harvest, Diwali and Christmas

- Creative:** - Drawing / colour mixing / using different materials and techniques/sewing
- Physical:** - Fine motor control activities/ basic PE skills/team games and activities

PE Kit: This year we are asking the children to come into school dressed in their PE kit on Wednesdays. This is the day they will have PE with Mr Rice. As the weather becomes colder, shorts can be replaced by black jogging bottoms. The school jumper can be worn over the PE t shirt, but we are currently investigating the option of a school sports hoodie as an addition to the kit. Watch this space!

Classdojo: All the children have been assigned their own monster for our reward scheme 'Classdojo'. The children are assigned 'monster points' whenever they are kind, helpful, supportive, trying something new and completing tasks. Once they reach 20 points they will receive a certificate and will receive a reward.

Wellies and change of clothes: We would be extremely grateful if you could provide a change of clothes to stay in a named bag on your child's peg in case of accidents or inclement weather. We would also love for everyone to have a pair of named wellies in school at all times as we will try and utilise our outside space as much as possible.

Trips: We are hoping to take a topic related trip later this term.

Milk: It is free if your child is under five or subsidised if over five years old, but you do need to register for the milk – either by completing a form near the school office or by going online – www.coolmilk.com

Parent involvement: We would normally love to invite parents to come in and help in Class One, but unfortunately this is not possible at the moment. We will let you know if and when the guidelines change. Remember if you would like to help, you will need **Disclosure Clearance**. Any queries please do not hesitate to discuss it with us. Thank you for all your support and we look forward to working with you this term.

Finally: We use Tapestry online journal to record the children's learning journey through Class One. If you have not done so already, please sign the permission letter sent out by email and then I will be able to send you an email to invite you to join. This will allow you follow your child's progress and even post things you have been doing at home!

Thank you in advance for your support and understanding as we venture forward through this 'new normal' environment.

Yours sincerely,

Ellie Jaggard, Serena de la Hey and Miss Brown
Class One