

# Year 1 Class Newsletter

## Friday 13th September 2019



### Important Dates:

Sycamore Class PE: Wednesdays and Thursdays

Beech Class PE: Mondays and Thursdays

Learning Cafes will be on: Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of October and Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of November.



We are starting the year with 'What's your story?' as our topic. We will be working on writing in sentences with capital letters and full stops and making sure that we 'think it, say it, write it, check it' and use our phonics when writing our sentences.

In Phonics we are working on segmenting (breaking words down into each sound eg: cat becomes c-a-t) and blending (putting the sounds together to read eg: c-a-t becomes cat) words when reading and spelling. We are especially reviewing the phonemes (letter sounds) made by trigraphs (three letters making one sound) /air/ as in hair, /ear/ as in beard, /ure/ as in pure and /igh/ as in light.

In the next week or so we will be sending home reading journals. We will let you know which colour band your child needs to choose a book from to read at home with you every day.

In Maths this half term we will be beginning with place value within 10.

This means ordering numbers, stating if a number is bigger / smaller than another and explaining the value of numbers. We will then work on addition and subtraction within 10 using concrete resources. We will finish the half term with a focus on measurements of money (the value of each coin, adding coins) and time (o'clock, half past).



At home you could:

- Start reading with your child every day when you have your reading journal.
- Play games with the sounds from the soundmat (see reverse) and on [phonicsplay.co.uk](http://phonicsplay.co.uk)
- Talk about how you and your child have grown and changed over time
- Practise counting forwards and backwards.
- Practise recognising numbers, especially teen numbers. Use house numbers, bus numbers, page numbers...
- Practise ordering numbers 0-20.
- Look at coins and say how much they are worth.
- Count out coins when paying for small amounts in shops

