

Class 1 Newsletter

September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have had a great time over the holidays and found the opportunity to relax and prepare for the year ahead.

Topics

Our main theme for this term is 'Marvellous Me', which will include learning about babies and growing up, parts of the body, our senses, families and our feelings. We hope to have a visit from a 'real' baby (with Mum) and also from a midwife. I would be very grateful if you could send in a photo of your child when they were a baby to stick on our 'Guess Who' display, these will be returned at the end of the Half Term. The children can also bring in any other things to show which are related to our topic (e.g Baby books, baby name band etc) we appreciate these are very special so will make sure they are looked after!

In Numeracy the children will be strengthening their problem solving skills and practising counting, addition and subtraction, measuring and looking for patterns. During our Literacy lessons, the children will continue to take part in the Read, Write Inc programme which will build upon their phonetical knowledge and improve their ability to read and write. We will also be sharing the 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson which links to our topic. In R.E the children will be studying the unit 'Places in Christianity', where they will be thinking about the qualities which make a place special for a Christian. On 3rd October we will visit the church in Nether Heyford.

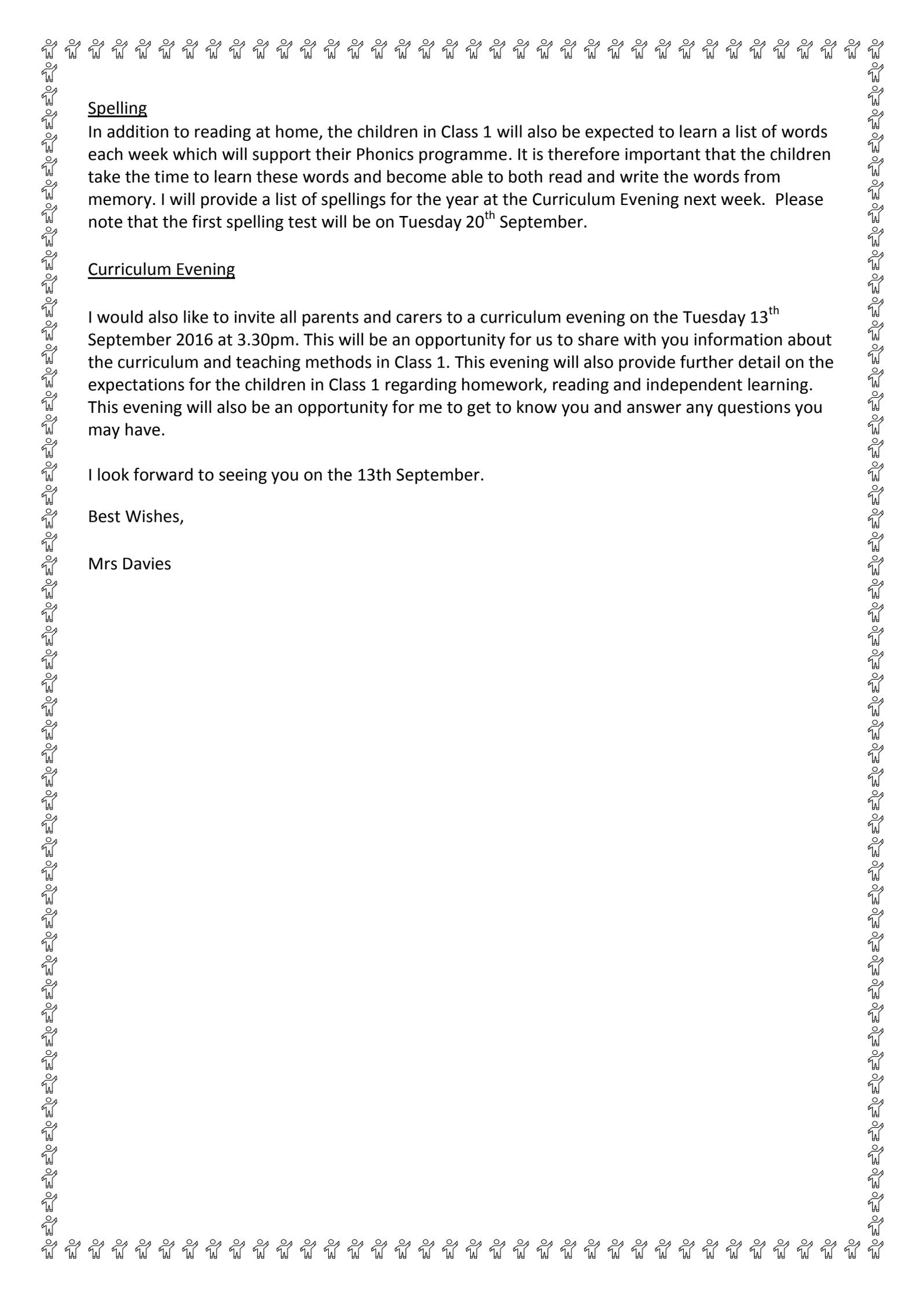
On Monday 24th October we would like to invite you into the classroom at 2.45pm so that the children can share their work with you.

Reading Books

The most important 'homework' that your child will have during Year 1 is to practise their reading. I would like every child to read or share a book every day at home for about 10-15minutes. This could be a school reading book, a library book or a book from home. All that I ask is that you sign in their reading journal, there is also a space for you to note down any comments.

All the children will be assessed next week and will be given a reading book to match their reading ability. When your child has finished reading the book, please encourage them to put their book in the 'book changing box', your child will then have the opportunity to choose a new book. We will read with the children in school and look in the reading journals to monitor progress and provide extra support if needed.

The children will be taking part in the whole school reading incentive scheme whereby for every week when a child reads five times or more, they will get a sticker on their reading owl (which is displayed in the classroom). When a child has read five times a week for ten weeks they will be presented with a certificate in the celebration assembly. After twenty weeks they will receive another certificate, and then again at thirty and forty weeks. I hope to see as many certificates as possible this year! We will stamp your child's reading journal for each week when they have read 5 times.



Spelling

In addition to reading at home, the children in Class 1 will also be expected to learn a list of words each week which will support their Phonics programme. It is therefore important that the children take the time to learn these words and become able to both read and write the words from memory. I will provide a list of spellings for the year at the Curriculum Evening next week. Please note that the first spelling test will be on Tuesday 20th September.

Curriculum Evening

I would also like to invite all parents and carers to a curriculum evening on the Tuesday 13th September 2016 at 3.30pm. This will be an opportunity for us to share with you information about the curriculum and teaching methods in Class 1. This evening will also provide further detail on the expectations for the children in Class 1 regarding homework, reading and independent learning. This evening will also be an opportunity for me to get to know you and answer any questions you may have.

I look forward to seeing you on the 13th September.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Davies