



September 2021 - Class 2 Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents and Careers,

I hope you all had a good Summer break - despite the rather patchy weather.

My name is Claire Arnold and I will be joining the Dudley House School teaching team, teaching nursery, reception and year 1. I am now in my 5<sup>th</sup> year of teaching and am looking forward to getting to know your children as we start our learning journey together.

Our topic this term is 'Where in the world is Barnaby Bear?'. Barnaby Bear will be joining us for our first day of school, helping us to settle into our new classroom and find our way around the school environment. Once we are all settled in Barnaby Bear will be taking off on his travels, we will be following his adventures as he visits the park, farm, London, Dublin, Norway and Mexico.

Barnaby Bear's adventures will provide many opportunities to explore the physical and human geographical features, the different weather as well as the chance to investigate a range of different animals and their habitats. I hope you are as excited as me to see what Barnaby Bear gets up to.

We will also be looking at the season of Autumn and its various features. As a result, we will be going on our very own adventure to the park to observe and record the seasonal changes. We will also be looking to create some fantastic Autumn art and will be exploring some examples of artwork created by Andy Goldsworthy.

Math's (numeracy) and phonics will be taught daily, for all children.

Reading books will be given to reception and year 1 children. Please be aware, Books for Pleasure can be selected by all the children.

Year 1 will be going on to developing their writing style and grammatical understanding in line with Key Stage expectations and this term they will be writing labels, lists and captions (based on settling into our classroom and the book *All Are Welcome* by Alexandra Penfold), a recount of our trip to the park (based on the book *Voices in the Park* by Anthony Browne) and a story with predictable phrasing based on the book *Farm Duck* by Martin Waddell.

PE will take place on Monday and Wednesday afternoons it is therefore important that all children have the appropriate PE kit in line with the school uniform policy.

Please be assured we will continue to do all we can to maintain the safety of children in our care. There will be plenty of reminders about the washing of hands as well as keeping fingers away from our mouths and noses.

Please do not hesitate to email if you need to check anything or have any questions. I look forward to getting the opportunity to introduce myself in person soon.

Many Thanks

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