<u>Class One Newsletter</u>

Spring 1

Welcome back and happy new year to you all. I hope you have all had a relaxing Christmas and Santa brought you some of the things from your list. As you are aware Mrs Coulson has now left Class One and Mrs Cowley will now be the Monday teacher . Mrs Wellum will be the teacher for the rest of the week. Mrs Wellum and Mrs Cowley have been in contact over the past few weeks and have lots of exciting things planned for this half term...

Our topic this half term is titled 'China'

In English we will be developing our narrative skills as we immerse ourselves in the story of 'The magic paintbrush'. The children will be exploring the characters, and writing or acting out stories of their own. We will also be learning the story of the Great Race and how the Chinese Calendar came to be.

In Maths Mrs Wellum will be teaching addition skills. Y1 will be learning to count on from different starting points and learn number bonds in order to make additions easier. Reception will become confident with their numbers to 20 before beginning to record their own addition sums. Mrs Cowley will focus on measuring looking at height, weight and capacity.

In our topic time we will be learning about China in more depth. In Geography we will be looking at where we are in the world and comparing ourselves to China. In Science we will be studying the weather and completing weather diaries for the UK and china. We will also learn about the seasons. We will also be making some Chinese food and creating graphs based on our favourites.

Towards the end of the half term we will be preparing for Chinese New Year by making a huge dragon which we plan to parade through the school and will conclude with a party on the last day of half term which happens to be Chinese New Year!

We have a very exciting busy half term planned ! The teachers cant wait to get started and im sure the children will all have lots of fun and learn lots to share at home.

PE CHANGE

We are fortunate to have not one but two sports coaches working with Class One this half term. Therefore PE days will now be on **Monday and Tuesday**. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD HAS A PE KIT IN SCHOOL SO THAT THEY CAN TAKE PART IN THEIR PE LESSONS.

Can you also please check that uniform and PE kit have their names written in them to help us make sure they go

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Please make sure you're child's reading book and reading diary are in school on a regular basis so that we are able to listen to them read.

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Finally, if you have any questions or worries do not hesitate to come in and see any of us in a morning or after school. Thank you

Class One Team