

Excalibur Primary School

# Year one Newsletter

Autumn 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome to a new school year!



We hope that the children have had a wonderful break and that they are ready for the launch of our new topic “Awesome Animals”. More information can be found on our class page of the website.

## Awesome Animals

Our Science topic for this term is “Animals including Humans”. We will be exploring the human body and senses before classifying animals into different groups. We will discuss why some creatures make better pets than others.

We will base our writing around some quality texts that have animals as their key character.

## Superheroes



...will be our new topic for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Autumn term. We will celebrate with a ‘Superhero Day’ when everyone will be invited to attend school dressed as their favourite superhero. The children will then take part in a series of planned activities to complete their superhero training. (More details will follow in a separate letter.)

## Homework

Seesaw will be the place to find most of our homework activities. One or two activities will be set on Thursday. They will vary in subject matter. There will also

be some challenges set on “Mathletics” for you to have a go at (Login details can be found on login cards that are in planners).

Year 1 spelling homework will begin properly in the Spring term. Until then, the children will concentrate on handwriting and increasing their fine motor skills.

Read, Write Inc books will be sent home when the children have shared them in their group, along with a second book that uses the same sounds in a new adventure. Please return both Read, Write Inc. books on Mondays.

Story basket books will be changed every Monday and Friday. These books are designed to be shared with an adult and allow the children to enjoy hearing a story read to them.

### **Remember...**

PE will take place on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. Year 1 children will need to keep their PE kit at school. Due to school health and safety rules, long hair should be tied back. Earrings should be taken out or covered with micropore before arriving at school. Children should wear suitable footwear with fastens they can manage themselves. They are also welcome to wear joggers or tracksuits as some of our lessons may take place outdoors. These should be school colours where possible.

Children need to bring fresh water, in a labelled bottle, every day. A healthy snack can be sent in for play time and a piece of fruit will be provided, by school, for afternoon fruit break.

If you have any questions, we will be more than happy to help! We look forward to welcoming your children back to school and beginning our year 1 learning journey!

Miss Taylor and Mrs Bailey