



# Welcome to Spring 1 Term in Year 1



## Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

We certainly had a busy and rewarding Autumn term in Year 1! It is great to see our children embracing the challenges of the curriculum and developing independence and responsibility for their own learning.

Our **Context** for this term is 'Fiction stories based on *Katie Morag*' – linked with **Geography**. Children will be developing their geographical skills by comparing the environment where Katie Morag lives with their own home environment and beginning to use geographical terms to describe them.

**Homework:** It is great to see children being excited about practising their new spellings. Your support at home makes a great difference. Thank you. We will continue to send home spellings on **Wednesdays** and they will be tested the following week (**on Tuesday**). During the term Maths may also be sent home. Please hand in the Homework Book on Tuesdays so they can be prepared ready to send home again. Thank-you.

**Reading:** It is great to see how often the children are reading and sharing their books at home. Books will be changed if they have been read and it is clear the child has understood the text. Please sign your name and /or write a comment to let us know how they are doing. Thank you. Guided Reading is taking place during the week with a focus on developing keyword recognition and comprehension skills.

**English.** We will use Katie Morag stories to distinguish between facts and fiction, write a letter and to use interesting vocabulary in our descriptive writing. We will continue to develop our phonic knowledge and sentence construction as well as practising our pre-cursive hand-writing.

**Maths:** The children are developing their knowledge of number bonds, adding and subtracting 1 and 2-digit numbers within 10/20; reading and interpreting mathematical statements involving the +, - and = signs. They are counting forwards / backwards from any given number between 1 and 100. They will be counting in groups of 2, 5 and 10 up to 20 and then 50.

### Upcoming events:

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January and Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January - Parent-Teacher Consultation Evenings.

Thank you for attending these meetings. They have been a great opportunity to review your child's progress at the end of the Autumn Term and to let you know what their current targets are.

If you were unable to attend your appointment or these days were not convenient for you, please discuss this with your child's teacher and a meeting time can be arranged.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – last day of term

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February - (school re-opens)



*Best wishes from the Year 1 team*

