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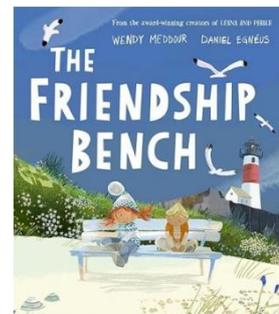
Headteacher – Mrs P Atwal

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to Year 1! We hope you have had a lovely summer break and are feeling refreshed for the new term. We are looking forward to getting to know the children over the coming weeks and have lots of exciting things planned for the year ahead. Mrs Rodgers will be teaching on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Macdonald on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Our teaching assistant is Miss O'Boyle.

When dropping off in the morning, we ask that you leave children at the hall door so that they can walk across the hall to be greeted by the teacher at the classroom door. We aim to promote children's independence skills and this also keeps drop-offs calm and less busy.

Our core text for this half term is 'The Friendship Bench'. We will be sharing the story and using it to sequence events, practice our story telling and write labels and short sentences.



In Maths, we will be sorting and counting objects, counting forwards and backwards, comparing numbers and finding number bonds to 10.

Building on our green fingered work in Reception, our Science topic this half term is 'Plants'. In Geography, we will be exploring the school grounds, locating Smalley on maps and identifying features of our local environment. We are building windmills in Design Technology, finding out about Muslims in RE and thinking about relationships during our PSHE lessons.

This half term our PE days will Tuesdays and Fridays. Please remember to wear PE kits on these days.

Our Little Wandle phonic scheme will continue to be a large focus of the Year 1 curriculum. Please ensure you are regularly sharing both the school books and stories at home. Reading is a life skill and we appreciate that, whilst children lead busy lives, it is essential they read little and often at home, as well as at school.

The government fruit scheme continues for children in Year 1, however if your child would prefer to bring in their own **fruit** snack for the morning they are welcome to. Please ensure only water is in water bottles.

Please feel free to come and see us if you have any further questions.

Kind regards,

Mrs Macdonald and Mrs Rodgers