

# NORTHSIDE SCHOOL- Y1 HALF TERMLY LETTER

Autumn 2017 2<sup>nd</sup> half

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It's been a great first half term in Year 1 and the children have settled in really well and are enjoying their new classroom.

*Our topic for this half term is "All around the world".*



The children will learn about countries around the world including Hong Kong and Ghana. They will learn about physical and human features and compare and contrast them with the UK. During our art lessons we will be looking at African art work and linking this to our printing. In science we will be learning about animals. The children will learn about grouping animals, carnivores and herbivores and identify different body parts of an animal.

## **Numeracy:**

In Numeracy we will be focusing on addition and subtraction. The children will learn to use number bonds and the related subtraction facts within 10. They will solve problems involving addition and subtraction including missing number problems.

**Literacy and Phonics:** The children will continue following the 'Letters and Sounds' phonics scheme which will consolidate prior learning of letter sounds, spelling and handwriting.

Please continue to make the time to read with your child and encourage them to discuss the text and make a note of any reading in your child's reading record.

**Music, Gymnastics/Dance, and P.E:** This will continue on Tuesday afternoons; please make sure that your child has **named** P.E kit in school. Please ensure that all school uniform (including jumper) is clearly **named** and book bags should be in school everyday. Please send in a water bottle with your child so they have easy access to water during the school day.

## **Homework**

Children will now be bringing home homework folders. Please ensure they complete the activities along with their sound book each week. Homework will be given out on Friday's and this along with their sound book needs be in school every Tuesday. Children will be given their spelling books on Tuesday, these books need to be back in school every Monday for their spelling test.

As advised by the government, schools are now required to promote the following British values: Tolerance, Democracy, The Rule of Law, Individual liberty, Mutual respect. Throughout the year we will look at the five British Values, this term we will look at mutual respect.

## **Things you can do to help:**

- Count to 100, add and take away whenever you can.
- Learn the order of the days of the weeks and months of the year.
- Practise writing sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

If you have any queries about your child's work please let me know.

Thank you for all your support.

Mrs Ng