



Year 1 Cuba Class



## Welcome to Autumn 2 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the colourful and cold Autumn 2 Term! We have begun working on new topics and introducing some changes. This term the following subjects will be covered:

**Literacy** - Read Write Inc. and topic work focusing on the story book Handa's surprise.

**Reading** - Daily Supported Reading.

**Maths** - Reading and writing numbers to 20, doubles and halves, subtraction and addition, multiples of 2 and 5, describing position and direction.

**Topic** - Our topic is 'Fruit Salad'. We will be finding out about Kenya (where Handa's Surprise is set).

**Science** - Animals including humans: naming and identifying animals and learning about their needs.

**P.E.** - Dance and Games.

**P.S.H.E.** - Valuing differences and keeping safe.

**Art** - Colour mixing, line drawing and still life paintings of fruit.

**Computing** Beebots, word processing and using a paint program.

### Some Changes this term:

**P.E.** Our P.E. sessions are timetabled now for Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Track suit trousers and jumpers will be needed, please make sure all clothing is named.

Daily Supported Reading - every day starts with Reading except Friday when we have class assemblies in school.

Homework is given out on *Fridays*, please return it by *Wednesday* to enable it to be marked and the following week's work set. It comprises of spelling and the writing of sentences related to the spelling, maths and reading. Initially the work is to help the children begin a routine of knowing homework is expected and to review and practise some of the week's work that has been taught. It will gradually become more challenging. Reading for ten minutes each evening, when possible, is important and a good time for a child and adult to share some quality time. Chatting about the book, the setting, the characters and retelling the story is as important as reading the words correctly. Developing fluency and expression can be practised too! Remember to make a brief comment in their reading record book.

**Trips** - A visit to a fruit and vegetable shop is being planned. Details will be given when arrangements have been finalised.

Dates to remember:

Parents Evening - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016

K.S.1 Nativity play - 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Parent's Winter Celebration - 20<sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm -4.30pm

We are looking forward to a very industrious and enjoyable half-term.

Please do not hesitate to speak to us briefly after school if needed.

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This term we have been experimenting with materials in science. Making masks and researching Kenya on the iPads as part of our Black History Week celebration. Playing addition and subtraction games in maths.