

Excalibur Primary School

# Year one Newsletter

Autumn 2020



Dear Year one parents/carers,

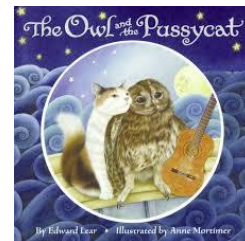
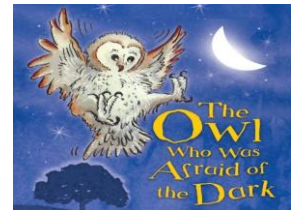
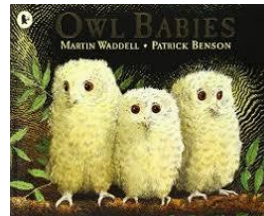


*A warm welcome back to a new school year!*

We hope that the children have had a wonderful break and that they are ready for the launch of our new topic "As the Nights Get Longer..." A reminder that there is also information available on our class page so please remember to have a look.

## **As the Nights Get Longer**

We plan to spend this half term finding out about nocturnal animals. We will use a variety of owl stories to help provide opportunities for reading and writing. These will include "Owl Babies", "The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark" and "The Owl and the Pussycat". The children



Topic stories, poems and information books



Woodland habitats

will discover facts about nocturnal animals using information books and the internet.

The children will also classify animals into different groups. We will discuss why some creatures make better pets than others.



We will end the half-term with a visit from the PDSA. The children will find out about the five basic needs of a pet.

## 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.)



It has been great to welcome the new Year 1 children and their families back to school!

Mrs Cheadle and Mrs Newbould

*Remember to email if you have any questions. We are always happy to help!*

## Homework

The children will receive a class code to use the brilliant eBook website Epic. They will also receive login details for maths website Prodigy. See the online pages under Year 1 for more details. Next week, the children will bring home a spelling booklet for this half-term. It will contain an overview of spellings for the half-term and some spelling resources for each of the weekly lists.

## PHSCE

There will be no 'Show and Tell' this term as the children are asked not to bring in toys from home. We will let you know when 'Show and Tell' can restart safely because we know how much the children love to share their special things!

This term, the children will be encouraged to engage in our PSHCE discussions. We will start by 'Thinking about feelings' with the help of Harold the giraffe. We will also find out about 'Making friends & getting along' using our new 'Relationships Education'

## Remember...

### PE

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, Year 1 children need to come to school in their PE kit. 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 fasteners that they can manage themselves. They are also welcome to wear joggers or tracksuits.