



# KS1 Parent Newsletter

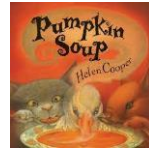


## KEY LEARNING THIS HALF TERM

This half term we will be exploring our local area of Castleford, understanding human and physical features and creating our own symbols on a map.

We will be starting our RWI (phonics) sessions and will send out more details inviting you to information workshop.

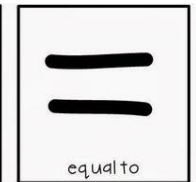
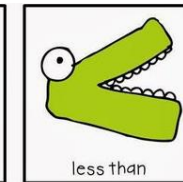
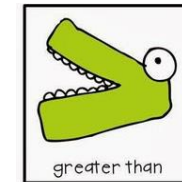
## WRITING



During our writing sessions we will be listening to stories to develop our understanding, learning and using new vocabulary and retelling the story. We will be developing our understanding of how to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops to write sentences. We will also be learning what nouns and adjectives are to use them in our creative writing.

## MATHS

We will be understanding place value of numbers and how we can represent these using different resources. We will be looking at one more and one less, comparing numbers using key vocabulary such as greater than, less than and equal to.



## WAYS YOU CAN HELP AT HOME

One of the best ways to support your child at home is to share a book together every night. Talk about the pictures, the characters, the events and the setting. Discuss the vocabulary and make predictions about what might happen next.

We will send weekly spellings home for you to practise with your child. Your child may not be able to use their phonics to spell these words correctly as they are high frequency words.

We will post on class dojo with updates on our learning, take the time to talk together about this and engage with our posts.

## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Starting full time school can be difficult and overwhelming for everyone involved. A good, safe sleep routine is helpful and contributes to good mental health for everyone.

For more information on bedtimes and sleeping:

<https://www.betterhealthatworkaward.org.uk/The%20Good%20Night%20Guide%20for%20Children.pdf>

We recommend no screens before bed, a bath or shower and story together. We will be sending library books home from week 2 to support this.

If you are struggling with any aspect of starting school or would like any help, advice or just a chat please speak to your child's teacher, Miss Bartle (Assistant Headteacher) or Mrs. Stringwell (Learning Mentor). We are more than happy to help.

## EVENTS IN SCHOOL/KEY DATES FOR KS1

All parents and carers are welcome to celebrate our learning, in and out of school, at our Friday assembly. Please enter through the main entrance after drop off where will be pleased to welcome you into school, with refreshments. Miss Bartle and Mrs. Stringwell are both around at this time.

As part of our geography learning we will be going on a walk. **There will be more details to follow.**