



## Welcome to Class 1

I hope that you have all had a wonderful Summer holiday. I can't wait to hear all the stories that the children will have to share.

This half-term will see Class 1 enjoy many exciting experiences:

We will develop our early reading skills every day, in each lesson and activity and will expand our phonic knowledge and ability to apply it in early writing. We will focus on accurate counting up and down to 100 every day, but will concentrate on number formation and number composition to 10, then 20 in depth.

Our whole class book is called 'How to be a good friend'. A lot of our learning about ourselves, our homes, families and friendships will stem from this delightful story.

Reading is the key to all our learning at East Ayton and so will necessarily be one of our biggest priorities. We will hear your child read at least once each week, in addition to when they take part in Guided reading activities. Please support your child's reading development by hearing them read at home as often as you possibly can. It doesn't just have to be their school reading book, it can be road signs, food labels, anything that has text! Please send your child's school reading book in their book bag every day. There are weekly prizes for children whose reading records show more than 3 reads at home.

We will begin our PE lessons in week 2 of the Autumn term, so please send a fully named kit in as soon as you can. School book bags are the easiest to carry and store and remember, no toys from home please!

Please also send a named water bottle every day and if we should be blessed with more great weather, a sun hat and named cream.

I really look forward to working with you and your child this year. It promises to be a wonderful adventure, where we will celebrate all of your child's many successes together.

I am always available to speak at the end of each day, or by telephone, should you have any questions or concerns.

Ms McCulloch