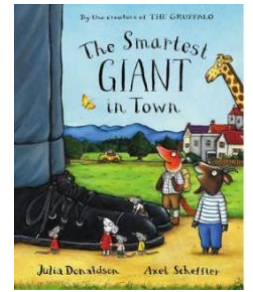


# The Smartest Giants in Tankersley



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday and the children are ready for some new and exciting learning in Year 1.

Our class identity in Year 1 is 'The Smartest Giants in Tankersley'. We are named after a book written by the author Julia Donaldson called 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. On our transition day we read the text and discussed why we liked it.

This week in English we be reading The Colour Monster by Ann Llenas which helps the children to think about how they are feeling. The children will be completing a piece of writing about what makes them happy. In maths, we will be revisiting numbers to 20, counting forwards and backwards and concentrating on our number formation.

This week we will also be getting to know the new routines in our classroom. Our new topic this half term is space and our PE days are Tuesday and Friday.

Children's reading books will be sent home on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September. They will be sent home a book that they have been practising during their RWI session and a second book which is new to them. These books will be sent home every Friday and we ask that they are returned to school everyday, along with the reading record. These will be kept in school from Wednesday to Friday so they can be changed. We ask for parents to hear their child read as frequently as possible and record any comment about their reading in the home / school reading record. The reading records will be checked each week and those children who have read at home three or more times will receive a reading token which will then be placed into a weekly prize draw.

Homework will be given out in Week 4 on a Thursday and information about this will follow.

If you have any concerns please come and see us and we will be happy to help.

We look forward to working with you this year.

Mrs Beevor and Miss Bennison