

Welcome to Year 1



Newsletter

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First of all I would like to welcome you to year 1. I hope you have had a lovely summer break! I felt that it was important to write and explain some of the routines that take place in Year 1, some you will already be familiar with from reception.

Coming in to school

The children will come into class independently. The classroom door will open at 8.45am, please ensure your child is there to ensure a prompt start to school. This gives the children enough time to put their items away and change their reading book for registration.

Milk Money

At the beginning of the week children who wish to have milk should bring the money in a named envelope and place in the 'Milk box'.

Dinner Money

Children who have school dinners place their named envelope into the box marked 'Dinner Money'.

Snacks and Drinks

Snacks and Drinks should be named and placed in the appropriate box. Children will have their snack at 10.30am during playtime.

P.E. Kit

P.E. Kits should be brought into school every Monday morning and taken home at the end of the week.

At present our PE days are Monday and Wednesday, for PPA. Indoor PE Kit - Plain white T-shirt, plain black shorts and black pumps. Outdoor PE Kit, as above but also plain black tracksuit bottoms and trainers.

Reading Folders

Reading folders should be brought to school every day. Inside your child should bring their reading book, reading comments book, spelling and keyword sheets (please leave all reception work at home for your reference).

Reading books

All children will read in class at least once a week, independently to a member of staff. Children should read as often as possible at home.

Changing books

Year 1 children change their own reading books (only if they have read the current book at home). The children have the opportunity to do this first thing in the morning.

Keywords

Keyword sheets will be given to each child. The words that have been circled should be learnt at home and will be assessed most weeks in school. When a keyword has been passed a line will be put through it by the class teacher. Please **do not** write on the keyword sheet at home.

Spellings

The spellings that should be learnt at home that week will have a dot next to them, again when assessed a line will be placed through that word. A new spelling will not be dotted until your child has spelt the words correctly in a test. Please do not write on the spelling sheet or book at home. Here are some ideas on ways to learn spellings at home.

- 'Look, Cover, Write, Check' - Look at the spelling, cover it up, write it then check it.
- Chant them on the way to school!

Numeracy Homework Booklet

Children should place their completed homework in the box marked 'Homework', it is each child's responsibility to ensure their homework is handed in on time.

What we are doing this half term!

These are some of the areas we will be covering this half term,

Numeracy

In Numeracy we are:

- counting and ordering numbers
- reading and writing number names (eg. one.....twenty) and numerals
- learning that addition can be done in any order
- simple addition and subtraction
- recognising coins and using money in simple addition and subtraction

Literacy

In Literacy we are reading and writing:

- stories with familiar settings
- rhymes with predictable and repetitive patterns
- signs, labels, captions and lists

Topic

This half term our topic is **BUILDINGS**. We will be looking at:

- A variety of buildings and their uses
- Buildings from the past and making comparisons
- Constructing our own buildings

Other information

- We would welcome any parent/ grandparent helpers who could help us with a variety of activities within our class.
- If you have a job associated with buildings and would like to talk to the class about it please let me know.

If you have any further questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Miss Collins and Mrs Ralph