Year 1 Autumn Term

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Mrs Dehgamia and I are really looking forward to getting to know both your children, and yourselves during this year.

Topics

If you have any relevant resources for any of our class topics this term we'd encourage your child to bring them into school to share with the rest of the class. Here are the topics we'll be investigating in the Autumn term:

Penguins, Pigs & Possums - weather and world climates.

Animals in hot and cold places.

Harvest

God & Creation

Fire! Fire! - The Great Fire of London

Animals & Humans

Autumn & Winter

P.E.

Your child will need their PE kit in school every Wednesday for gymnastics.

Water Bottles

We do encourage children to bring in a named water bottle into school every day, it should be a bottle with a sports cap and please no juice.

Our Class Monkey

Over the next few weeks your child may bring home our 'class monkey' which the class have named this week. We'd like your child to draw or write what does whilst at your house but please don't make it onerous! Pictures and simple writing or a picture annotated by yourself would be fantastic. We will share his adventures with the rest of the class the next day!





Reading

Your child will read every day as a part of the Read, Write, Inc. phonics programme and in addition to that they will have a home reading book. I'd like to stress the importance of enjoying this reading opportunity and



sharing time discussing what they've read. Daily practise at home really does help your child to become a more fluent and confident reader. In Year 1 the children are put into reading groups and have two reading days, which are indicated on the front of their reading record. On these days your child will read to us and have their book changed. Parents are requested to sign the reading record book indicating which pages they have read with their child. If the reading record isn't signed we have to assume that your child hasn't read at home and therefore their book won't be changed.

Homework

In Year 1 homework is sent home on a Friday and needs to be returned by the following Tuesday. They will be sent home a piece of Maths one week and a piece of writing the next, this will continue to alternate over the term.

Over the next few weeks I may also send home some letter formation practise as we will be doing handwriting most days in Year 1 to develop accurate and consistent letter formation.

Library Books



On Wednesdays your child will have an opportunity to choose a library book from our Infant library to take home and enjoy. Every week these books can be changed, if they haven't finished with the book they can renew them. It is important that books are returned the following Tuesday or before.

If you have any further questions, queries or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you

Mrs Mackley & Mrs Dehgamia