

# Year 1

## Reminders



### Our topics

If you'd like to find out our autumn term topics please go to the Year 1 section of our website, where they are all listed.

### PE Kit

PE this term is gymnastics on Wednesday. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school and that all items are clearly labelled.

### Library

Library day is yet to be confirmed for Year 1.

### Water bottles

Please ensure bottles are **named** and **contain water**. They will be sent home daily to be refilled with clean water.

### End of the day

Please feel free to come and speak to me if you have any questions or concerns either: at the beginning of the day or at the end, once I have dismissed all the children. I'd appreciate your patience at the end of the day as on a Thursday and Friday I will be dismissing the children by myself.

## Autumn Term News

### Welcome to Year 1

I hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday. The children have settled really well into Year 1 well and I look forward to getting to know you all over the next few weeks.

In this newsletter I hope to give you a bit of information about the term ahead, but should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to come and see me.



### Reading

Reading is the key to all learning and your child will read with us in school on a **daily basis** during the Read, Write, Inc. lessons and in guided reading sessions.

It would be great if you could spend **10 mins everyday** reading with your child at home, this will help to develop their fluency, confidence and understanding. There are also key words in their reading records that you could practice reading with your child too, aiming to be speedy!

### **How you can help your child learning this year.**

In Year 1 we continue to encourage your child to become as independent as possible, you can support this at home by asking them to get themselves changed; performing simple routines and following simple instructions by themselves is key. Reading at home for pleasure is key at this early stage, please spend time enjoying both their reading book and library book; spend time talking about what they have read, making predictions, describing characters or key events and explaining what they liked or didn't like about the story. Supporting your child with their homework will also support their learning in Year 1.



### Our Class Pet

In Year 1 we have a toy dog called 'Patch' and everyday he enjoys going home with someone in our class to spend time with them at home. I'm sure he has many adventures! When Patch comes to your house it would be great if you can draw or write the fun you had together and you can share this with your classmates the next day.

## Home Learning

### Activities

Homework is an important part of the children's learning. Each Friday your child will be given a Maths, English or topic task related to activities the children have been learning during the week. This is to be returned the following Tuesday.

### Reading

Your child will be given a book and a reading diary to read at home everyday. Your child's diary has their reading days listed on the front. Your child's book will be changed on this day. However, if you feel they need to practise their book more please make a note in their diary. Equally if they haven't read at home their book won't be changed.

### Letter Formation

In Year 1 we practice our letter formation everyday using letter families, we write letters that are formed in similar ways. Each week I will send home a short handwriting activity for the children to further practice that week's letters at home.