

# Year 1

## Reminders



### Our topics

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

### PE Kit

PE this term is games and the day is yet to be confirmed so please ensure your child's kit is in school as soon as possible.

### Library

Library day is every Thursday but if your child wishes to keep a book, they can bring it into school and get it renewed just let us know.

### Water bottles

Please ensure bottles are **named** and **sent in empty each morning**. To avoid leaks we will fill them up in school and empty them before home time.

### 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. Thank you for your help and patience at the end of each day.

## Spring Term News

### Welcome back!

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year and thank you for your generous Christmas gifts, it was incredibly kind of you. I was incredibly proud of all the class last term with their confidence and growing independence, we look forward to learning lots more together this term too!

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

As outlined last term reading everyday for a short period of time is essential to their progress. Fluent, confident and accurate reading unlocks the key to many other areas of the curriculum.

### Number Bonds

Each week at the beginning of our daily Maths lessons some time is spent recalling, using and applying number bonds to 20. By the end of Year 1 all children are expected to understand and speedily recall addition and subtraction facts. Therefore, each week some will be sent home to practise with the homework.

### Developing understanding of topic vocabulary

In class we are always meeting new words and learning what they mean, this term at the beginning of each new topic I will send home a key vocabulary word mat for you to keep at home. If you could take some time reading these words together and supporting your child with their meanings and maybe use them in oral sentences to help them use the words in context, that would be fantastic. We will be referring to these topic word mats regularly in class throughout the topic and adding any new words we find too!

### Parental Support

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.

## Home Learning

### Activities

Homework is an important part of the children's learning. As last term, 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

This term your child will still have a home reading book but in order to develop fluency they will only be changed once a week. This approach is being used in reception and Year 1 are now adopting it. A letter will be sent home explaining further details and comprehension activities too.

### Spellings

Last term I sent home red words to practise reading speedily; this term we will be learning to spell them accurately and confidently. Your child will bring home a spelling sheet on Friday will a daily space for them to practise saying each word, cover it, write it and then check it.