

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 will focus on gymnastics on Wednesday afternoons. More details about practical arrangements will follow as we're not keeping PE kits in school at the moment.

Library

At the moment the children are unable to take books home from our library. As soon as we can I will let you know arrangements for borrowing and returning books.

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 at the end, once I have dismissed all the children. I'd appreciate your patience at the end of the day as I learn to match parents to children. Many thanks. Mrs Mackley

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, there will be some different routines in our classroom but your child's well being is at the heart of our decisions.



Reading for pleasure

At the beginning of this new academic year we are going to promote the children's love for reading. We have chosen and planned fun activities based upon a series of lovely books. These activities will include PSHE, Art and DT linked to our class topics.

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 given instructions by themselves is key. Reading at home for pleasure is still vital at this early stage, please spend time enjoying books online and those you already have at home; spend time talking about what they have read, making predictions, describing characters or key events and sequencing events. Please support your children with their weekly online home learning and any extra practise learning their number bonds would be beneficial too.

Maths

We want to do as much as possible to support your child to recap essential content that they may have forgotten or not covered during school closure period. We will be providing a blended Maths curriculum which will revisit and embed the previous years learning as well as introducing new concepts.

Home Learning

Activities

Homework is an important part of the children's learning. In the current climate home learning will be sent home on Purple Mash. Every Friday I will send home a class postcard explaining the week's homework. Every week there will be a spelling or phonics and Maths activity related to what we have learnt in class that week. The first set of home learning will be sent on 11/9/20.

Reading

Your child will be given a book and a reading diary which will be kept and read regularly at school only. As soon as we are able we will send books home. In the meantime you can still access the Oxford Owl online reading books at home. Reading is essential to your child's progress so please try and share books at home as often as possible.

Fine Motor Skills

In Year 1 we practice our letter formation everyday using letter families, we write letters that are formed in similar ways. Any extra practice you can do at home would be great, I will send home a handwriting or fine motor skills activity on a Purple Mash postcard each week alongside the homework.