

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 dance every Weds afternoon, please ensure their PE 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 try our best to 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 extremely 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 your child's 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 their homework.

Developing understanding of our topic and key vocabulary.

To support your child's learning in our topic work we send home a topic knowledge organiser at the beginning of each new topic. This outlines key learning, facts and key vocabulary that we will meet during our topic. At the beginning of each lesson we will refer to these and identify what we will be learning during the lesson and how it fits into our learning journey. It would really help your child if you could share these at home too as at the end of our topic we have a simple quiz based upon our knowledge organiser to show how much they've learnt during our topic.

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 opportunity to support and share your child'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 in class during the week. This is to be returned the following **Tuesday**.

Reading

As last term your child's reading book should be easy for them to read at home and securely in line with their phonic knowledge. We want this shared reading at home to be a pleasure for both you and your child rather than them struggling to decode every word. We'd like them to read fluently and confidently at home.

Spellings

Last term I sent home sets of red words to practise reading speedily; this term we will complete these. We will then learn to spell them accurately too so your child will bring home a spelling sheet on a Friday. This spelling practise grid has a daily space for them to practise saying each word, cover it, write it and then check it.