

# Year 1

## Reminders



### Our topics

If you'd like to find out about 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. Children need to come into school in their PE kit.

### Library

Every Monday afternoon your child will be able to choose a library book and keep it for a week. Books to be returned every Monday or unfortunately your child will not be able to choose a new one to take home.

### Water bottles

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

### End of the day

Please feel free to come and speak to me if you have any questions or concerns at the end of the day, 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.

## 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 promoting the children's love for reading. We have a fairytale castle role play area and each week we will focus on a different fairytale. In Year 1 we investigate a different author each half term, first we will be reading lots of stories by David McKee who wrote many stories about Elmer the elephant and his friends.

### **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 your child's library book and home reading book; 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 home learning and any extra practise of key words and Topic vocabulary would be beneficial too. ☺

### Maths

*In Year 1 we also use White Rose Maths topics but we work together as a whole class. First we investigate practically using a variety of apparatus, next we try to understand our maths topic through pictures and drawing; finally we try to use symbols and written jottings or calculations.*

## Home Learning

### Activities

Homework is an important part of the children's learning. Every Friday I will send home a Purple Mash class postcard explaining the week's homework. Every week there will be a reading challenge grid, a number bond task and a short topic or literacy activity.

Homework folders will be sent home every Friday and need to be returned to school the following Tuesday.

### Reading

Your child will be given a reading book to share at home and read several times to improve their fluency. Take time to enjoy and talk about the book, as this help develop your child's spoken vocabulary and understanding.. They will read a different reading book in school and they will read to an adult most days. Reading is essential to your child's progress so please try and share books at home as often as possible.

### Vocabulary

In Year 1 we are constantly reading, remembering and understanding key words. For each topic we have key vocabulary to learn in addition to our reading and RWInc words. This key vocabulary for Science and History topics can be found on our knowledge organisers that will be sent home. It would be great if you could practice reading and talking about what they mean, just a few each week ☺