

Year 1 Newsletter



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Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break. Thank you so much for all of our generous gifts. We hope that the children enjoyed sharing their new books with you. Our main theme for Term 3 is Explorers and Term 4 is Things that fly. Please see the Curriculum Map for more detail.

Please do not hesitate to ask any questions you may have. We are really looking forward to another busy and exciting term with the children.

Our Day

8:50 – Register and Morning Work
9:10-9:50 - Lesson 1 English or Maths
10:00-10:30 - Collective Worship and Guided Reading
10:30-10:45 – Playtime
10:45 -11:40 Lesson 2 - English or Maths
11:40-12:00 - Phonics
12:00–1:15 – Lunchtime
1:15–1:30 - Register and Story
1:30–2:45 - Other Curriculum subjects
2:45–3:15 – Story and prepare for home time

PE Days

This term we will have PE on Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit and it is **clearly named**. Trainers with Velcro are preferred, especially for PE outside. Until the weather gets warmer, it would be useful for your child to have a pair of tracksuit bottoms for outdoor PE.

Playtimes and Outside Learning

Whatever the weather, we want your child to be prepared for learning opportunities and playing outside. Please ensure they have a suitable waterproof jacket in school daily. Also it would be helpful to have a pair of wellies which they can keep in school.

Phonics

Daily Phonics will be taught for 20 mins to develop their speaking and listening, reading and writing skills. The children will learn to blend and segment real and nonsense words in preparation for the National Year 1 Screening. It is important that the children are encouraged to apply these skills when reading and writing too. A useful website for supporting your child with Phonics is www.phonicsplay.co.uk

Reading

Thank you to those of you who completed The Year One Christmas Reading Challenge. We had a fantastic response and the children appear to have enjoyed taking part. We will be continuing to record reading for Buster's Book club, in addition, we will be keeping a chart of all home reading (as in Years 2 to 6). This is to encourage all children to read frequently at home. To help with this, please can you make sure that you are writing in the reading record whenever you read with your child.

Special Events for our class in Term 3 and 4:

Bright Sparks Science Demonstration: Wednesday 17th January

Chinese New Year: Monday 5th February at 1:45

Year One Parent Consultations: Wednesday 14th March

Home learning

Every child will have a Home Learning book, which will be sent home on a regular basis. At the start of this term, there will be a series of optional activities for your child to complete. In addition, some key facts, which we expect your child to know by the end of term, will be stuck into the Home Learning book. This term there will be three compulsory tasks, which will come home on a Friday and will be due in the next Wednesday.