

Year 1 Newsletter

Our School Rules

Be safe. Be kind.



Be responsible.



Important dates

Monday 17th – Friday 21st

February - HALF TERM
HOLIDAYS

Wednesday 12th March –
TERMLY LEARNING
CONFERENCES (NON-PUPIL
DAY)

Monday 7th April – Monday 21st
April EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 5th May- BANK HOLIDAY

Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas. The children returned to school excited to share their holiday stories.

This term we have lots of new content we will be learning about and will keep you updated with weekly updates on Class Dojo.

Please remember if you have any queries or concerns please message the Class Teacher via the Class Dojo learning platform. Absences and pick-ups must be communicated via the School Office.

Our letters for our school trip in the Summer Term have gone out please ensure these are filled in and the trip is paid for.

We look forward to lots of learning this term!

Our learning this half term

1st Half Term - JOURNEYS

2nd Half Term – ROYAL FAMILY

Maths – this term we will be learning how to accurately count and represent numbers using place value knowledge with numbers up to 50. Then we will explore addition and subtraction using numbers up to 20 and revisiting previously learned methods. We will also be learning about measurements with heights, lengths, weights and volume. Our learning will be revisited and consolidated through Maths Meetings and independent activities.

Writing – our writing has been focused around writing a non-chronological report about Toy Man and Minibeasts and now we are moving onto The Enormous Turnip story.

Phonics – we will continue to revisit Phase 4 and move onto teaching the new sounds in Phase 5.

Science – we will be exploring Seasonal Changes. We will learn about the changes of the seasons and describe the associated weather and differences the length of the day. We will start to look at planting and different animals and their groups.

Other subjects – we will also be learning about Christianity and what is special to them; our health and wellbeing; algorithms and debugging these on Purple Mash; learning about the United Kingdom; growth mindset and perseverance; listening to and creating music; listening to stories and asking/answering comprehension questions; Royal Monarchs throughout time.

Reading

- Children should read at home 3 times a week.
- Books will be changed once a week, please consult your child's class teacher regarding which specific day. They will only be changed if your child has read their book 3 or more times that week and it has been recorded in their reading log.
- Books should be brought back to school **every day**.
- Please take the time to read other books that the children enjoy. This can also be part of their reading 3 times a week.

Ideas you can explore at home

- Forming upper and lower case letters correctly.
- Practise reading and writing words from the Supersonic Phonics Friends newsletter.
- Skip counting in 5s and 10s.
- Forming numbers correctly.
- Reading stories together and talking about what happens next and how the characters feel.
- Play games which involve sharing and turn-taking.
- Continue to discuss importance of hand-washing and cleanliness.
- Encouraging children to write in different contexts, e.g. birthday list, party invites, shopping list, thank you cards, diary writing and creating own stories.

Coats & 'Wet Play'

Now that the weather is getting colder, please ensure that your child brings a **named coat** to school every day.

Named uniform

Sometimes children may misplace belongings in school. To help ensure your child has the correct uniform returned to them, please make sure all of their uniform is named. *This includes jumpers and cardigans, water bottles and lunch boxes.*

P.E. kits

Children may wear their PE kits to school on their PE days.

Year 1 indoor PE – Thursday

Year 1 indoor PE – Friday

Drinks

Children should bring a named water bottle to school. These can be refilled with water during the school day. If your child brings a packed lunch, we recommend that they bring a juice bottle or carton in their lunch box to take into the lunch hall. Their separate water bottle can remain in the classroom to reduce the risk of missing water bottles.

Extra clothing

During the Winter months, please consider giving your child extra layers to wear in the classroom under their school uniform. They can wear vest tops and long socks to keep them warm after periods where windows and doors are open for ventilation. Thank you for your continued support.