

# Year 1



## Autumn 2 Newsletter

Welcome back to another term in Year 1! The children have made a fantastic start to the year and have been working very hard.

This term our topic is 'Where Do We Live?' We will be exploring our local area and finding out all about Spalding. In Science, we will be learning about Seasonal Changes and exploring the changes in weather throughout the seasons.



### P.E Kits and Uniform

PE lessons will continue to be on a **Wednesday Afternoon**. Please ensure your child's indoor and outdoor PE kit (shorts, t-shirt, jogging bottoms, jumper, socks, trainers and plimsolls) is in school every day and is clearly labelled with their name. Please can we ask that PE kits always stay in school as these will be needed. Earrings need to be removed on PE days, unless your child can remove them themselves and long hair needs to be tied up.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in the correct school uniform that is clearly named. The children are to wear black school shoes. A reminder that nail varnish needs to be removed for school and earrings must be plain studs (no hoops). A reminder that jumpers and cardigans need to be clearly labelled with your child's name to avoid confusion and upsets. Also, we ask that no other jewellery is worn in school for health and safety. If your child comes in with extra jewellery, they will be asked to remove it until the end of the day.

### Homework

Our homework will continue to be in the style of a 'Pic n Mix' format. In your child's homework book, you will find a 'Pick n Mix' homework sheet. This sheet will cover the entire half term (until the Christmas holiday) and has a variety of activities for your child to complete that will support their learning in school. Each of the activities are colour coded. The red activities are activities that should be completed weekly, for example practising counting, reading and spellings. Yellow activities are activities that should be completed at some point during the term, these can be completed whenever, however they all have deadlines and will be collected in on these days. The final activities are green and these are super challenge boxes. These are not compulsory but are any extra challenge or project that your child may complete if they wish to. Homework books will still be collected in every **Wednesday** and handed out again on **Friday**. It is important that you support your child with their homework as this will develop their learning and understanding of what has been taught in school and is essential that it is your child's work.

### Reading

Reading books are changed on a weekly basis. However, books will only be changed if it has been recorded in their reading journals that an adult has listened to the child read. This can be a comment about how they got on or a signature. We do encourage the children to read their reading book, however, if your child reads any other books, please write this in their reading journal also. We will begin sending home three books for your child to read at home. This will include a book matched at your child's phonics level to develop their decoding, a storybook matched at their reading level and a book to challenge their reading. Please ensure that you are reading with your child at least 3 times per week. Also, do not forget that your child has access to our Reading Eggs website, which is ideal for extra fun reading practise and activities.



**Water Bottles**  
Just a reminder, that your child needs to bring a named water bottle to school every day filled with plain water. The children will have access to their water bottle at specific times throughout the day, to allow them to rehydrate. As a school, we would like to help the environment in any way we can and ask that children bring in re-usable bottles where possible rather than single use plastic.

**Attendance**  
As you are aware, a good level of attendance is essential for a good level of progress. Please ensure that your child attends school every day, unless they are ill. If your child is ill, please let the office know. It is also important for children to arrive at school on time, as we have planned activities each morning that support your child's learning for the day. The doors to the classrooms will be closed at 8:40, anyone arriving after that time will be required to go to the office.

**Where Do We Live?**  
This terms topic is all about finding out and exploring the local area where the children live....Spalding. We will also be comparing towns, villages and cities and to support this, we will be asking if you can bring in photos relating to our local area that you may visit (parks, woods, rivers, shops) and of houses to show children that they are all different. Therefore, when out and about with your child talk about what they can see and what is in their local area.

**Christmas**  
As the Christmas season approaches, we will be carrying out Christmas activities within school and having our class Christmas Party (date is TBC). Unfortunately, due to Covid 19, there will not be the usual Christmas Nativity Performance. However, we will be producing a Christmasy Performance in our class that will be recorded and shared on Weduc for you to see. More information about this will be shared at a later date.

If you or your child has any questions, please do not hesitate to come and speak to a member of the Year 1 Team.

