

Year 1

Summer 2 Newsletter



Welcome back to the final term in Year 1! Our topic is 'Be Wild.' In Geography we shall be looking at our local area past and present and using maps. For Science we shall be investigating and exploring 'plants.' During English the children will be writing diaries, instructions and how to write a letter. For Maths it is money and time.



P.E Kits and Uniform

PE lessons are 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 stay in school at all times 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 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 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 really 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.

We will also send home weekly spellings, please support your child in practising these using the different activity ideas in the back of the spelling journal as many times as possible over the week. Spelling journals will be used in class on a daily basis in Year 1 to support spelling in writing, therefore, your child's spelling journal needs to be in school every day but will be collected and changed on a **Monday**. In addition your child will have their own spelling pack with individual spellings, specific to them which need to be learnt throughout this final term.

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 are continuing to use Big Cat Collins these are books 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, don't 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 8:50, anyone arriving after that time will be required to go to the office.

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