

Summer 1 Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back Year 1! I hope you had a wonderful Easter break!

Our topic this term is 'They Changed the World'. In this topic the children will continue developing their history skills as we look at the significance of three inspirational women – Amy Johnson, Helen Sharman, and Mae Jameson. We will focus our learning on why they are significant and how they have inspired many.

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 8:50am and anyone arriving after that time will be required to go to the office.

PE kits and uniform

PE lessons are on a **Friday** afternoon. Please ensure your child's indoor and outdoor PE kit (shorts, t-shirt, jogging bottoms, jumper, socks, trainers and plimsolls) are in school every day and is clearly named in a PE bag. 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).

Please note PE days can change so make sure your child's PE kit is in school every day.

Homework

Our homework this term 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 summer 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 tasks that should be completed weekly, for example practising counting, reading and spellings. Yellow activities 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 Fridays. 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.

Spellings

Spellings will be set every Monday and stuck into your child's spelling journal. Your child will then be tested on the spellings the following Monday before being handed new spellings. Spelling is part of the weekly homework and is important that your child practices their spellings each week.

Reading

I strongly recommend that you listen to your child at least three times a week to support their progression. Please continue to log reading at home on the Go Read app. Reading books must be in school everyday and your child's books will be changed weekly. Your child will be sent home with two books. One book to support their phonics understanding and one to support their comprehension.

Water bottles

Children are allowed to bring water bottles into the classroom, however, please ensure that it is water as squash and fizzy drinks are not permitted in the classroom. Can water bottles also have your child's name on them in case another child in the class has the same bottle.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support towards your child's learning.

If you have any questions, please do come and speak to me (Mr Leggett).

Mr Leggett