

Autumn Term – Year 1

Welcome to Year 1. We hope you all enjoyed the summer and managed to keep everyone amused during the long break! We are really looking forward to starting the school year and having a busy classroom again. We have plenty of things happening in this autumn term so we thought we would keep everyone up to date with our plans.

Reading and Spellings

Your child will bring home a reading book and their diary every night. It would be appreciated if you could spend 10 minutes listening to them read and making a brief comment in the diary. It is vital that your child spends time reading aloud to another adult to help encourage them to sound out letters and blend letters correctly and also begin to read with some expression. **Please could reading books and diaries be kept inside the plastic book bag, we will have a change me box that the children will be responsible for putting their book bag in when their book needs changing.**

Additionally, your child will also bring home words to learn which they will be tested on with an adult. Again, it is very important the children spend time learning these words as not only will it aid their reading but it is a step towards them also spelling these words in independent writing. The spellings will link to their phonics sounds they are learning in school and the common exception words for year 1.

P.E Kit, Sweatshirts and Water

Please make sure your child's P.E kit is named and is in all week for our lessons which will take place on a **Tuesday** and a **Thursday**. Each child is allowed to bring a bottle of water (with a lid on) to drink throughout the day and this can be left in the classroom. It would also be appreciated if all sweatshirts could be named to prevent them from getting lost.

School Website

As you know, we now have a very successful school website which is a great place for parents to find information about the school and upcoming events and it is also a valuable resource full of links to educational games and activities for the children. We will regularly update our class page with photos and comments about what your child has been doing in school as well as posting information about topics we are covering. www.st-laurenceprimary.com

Autumn Term Topics

This half term our main topic is 'All About Me' so in science we will be learning about our senses and our body. In the second half term we will be learning about 'how our family has changed over time' in history and 'Seasonal Changes' in science. For more information and to see what we will be covering in each subject, please have a look at our topic webs on the school website.

Thank You

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