

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 here are a few things you need to know.

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 their diary. It is vital that your child spends time reading aloud to another adult to help encourage them to sound out letters, blend letters correctly and 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 spellings to learn which they will be tested on Fridays with an adult. They can practice these in their spelling book or interactively on spelling frame. Spelling frame is a way of children practicing their spellings online through interactive games. A log in for spelling frame will be stuck in the front of their reading diaries. 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 spelling these words in their independent writing. The spellings will link to their phonics sounds they are learning in school and the common exception words for year 1. Spelling books will come home on a Monday but only need to be returned on a Friday.

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 **Wednesday**. However, this can change therefore are always required to stay in school. Each child is allowed to bring a bottle of water, not fizzy drinks, 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.

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. If there are any grandparents who might like to come in and talk about how the world has changed since they were at school, please let us know. For more information and to see what we will be covering in each subject, please have a look at our topic webs.

Thank You

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