



Year 1 Newsletter

Hello and welcome to Year 1!

We hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday! It has been fantastic starting to get to know the children and we are all very excited for the year ahead. The Year 1 team this year will be Mrs Mays supported by Mrs Wilson (Monday to Thursday) and Mrs Saleem (Thursday and Friday). Miss McNab will also cover on a Tuesday morning during Mrs Mays' planning and preparation time.

Important Information:

Everyday Essentials

Each day children should bring a coat, a water bottle, their reading folder (including their reading record). Please note that children in Year 1 have a small locker rather than a peg and there is not space for backpacks as well as a larger winter coat.

Sunny Days – Children should also bring a hat and come to school wearing sun screen.

Rainy Days – Children should come to school wearing wellies but also bring their school shoes to change into.

Please also ensure that **ALL** items of uniform are clearly named.

P.E.

Our PE days this term will be Tuesday and Friday. PE kit consists of a t-shirt in your child's house colour, black shorts and plimsoles. The children should have their full PE kit in school and we will send it home at the end of each half term. Please make sure your child is not wearing earrings on PE days. Removing/covering earrings is a health and safety requirement and delays the start of the lesson. However on Fit Friday, children may come to school dressed in sports clothing rather than PE kit.

Reading

We will continue to use the Bug Club digital reading scheme in Year 1. Your child's log in details are on the front of their reading record. If you have any difficulties accessing the system, please let us know and we will help you log in. Books are allocated to your child that correspond with the stage of their learning in phonics as well as encouraging their reading fluency. At this age, regular but short read aloud practises with an adult are the best way to build reading skills. These should be between 5 and 10 minutes each day. We highly recommend any and all reading for pleasure alongside decoding practise using the

Bug Club digital scheme. It is not possible to read too much and fluency in reading has a very positive effect on all areas of the curriculum.

Spellings

Each week we will teach a new spelling pattern and share a list of words that include the rule we are learning. We will also teach high frequency words which are spellings that children will need to use often and can be tricky because they do not fit our normal phonic patterns. These words need to be learned off by heart and should be practised at home as well as daily in school.

Show & Tell

We love to hear about the children's hobbies and home lives. Show & Tell is also a brilliant way to build children's confidence speaking up in front of their peers. Please use your child's Class Dojo profile to share achievements and experiences that your child might want to share with their friends.

We will use Class Dojo stories to share information, achievements and updates throughout the year and in the meantime, if you have any questions, please just ask.

Best wishes,

Mrs Mays, Mrs Wilson & Mrs Saleem