

Winkleigh Primary School

Year 1 Autumn Newsletter



Dear All,

We both hope that you have all managed to enjoy the summer break and get some sunshine. We are very excited about the new term and it has been wonderful to welcome the children back into the classroom this week. They have adapted so brilliantly to the new routines and have made a great start to the year.

Mrs Keast will be teaching on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mrs Winsor will be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays. We will have Mrs Brook, Mrs Nicks and Mrs Blake helping us throughout the week. We try and use the outdoor space as much as possible so please remember to bring your coats every day as the weather can be quite changeable.

Due to the staggered drop-off timings for each bubble we may not have time to chat with you at the gate as we did previously. Please email us at admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk with any questions or information for us or you can use your child's orange message book. However, it is important that your child knows to pass on the book to us in the morning if they do have a message. Unfortunately, we will be unable to check inside each book bag individually each morning.

This term we will be thinking about our local area and where we live. For more details on what the children will be learning in each subject area, please see our topic web. We will be awarding 'Dojo Points' as a reward system and the class will work together cooperatively to achieve a whole class treat.

The children will be having PE on a Monday afternoon this term and will be able to do this wearing their normal school uniform. In addition to this lesson we will endeavour to get outside and use the running track and outdoor areas as much as we can.

We do not set homework in Year One but strongly encourage all children to read as much as possible at home. Children will have a guided reading session with us on a weekly basis and each session will focus on a specific reading skill. Please ensure that you write in your child's reading record book each time you hear them read as we celebrate home learning with the children and we will be awarding Dojo points for reading.

Everyone should be able to access the Active Learn website where children can read books online and play maths games linked to our classroom learning. Please email admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk if you have any problems accessing the Active Learn website and we will be able to help.

We would like to thank you all for your support and we look forward to a great year ahead as we navigate our way through the 'new normal' together.

Mrs Winsor and Mrs Keast