



We are so impressed with how the children in Year 1 have returned to school. Now that we are back in the flow of class teaching in school, the following is a list of information to help with our Year 1 routines.

### **Book Change**

Please send in your child's reading book tucked inside their diary every Monday so the book can be changed. We will look at comments related to your child's reading in the diary before sending a new book home the same day.

### **Communication**

Please continue to use the Year 1 email address to communicate with us about your child. We will check it daily for urgent issues such as changes to child collection from school, and we will endeavour to acknowledge or respond to other matters within 48 hours. Please use the school admin email for any correspondence regarding school absences, appointments etc.

### **Maths Home Learning Books**

Please send these in on a **Monday**. They will be marked and returned home on a Thursday

### **Spellings**

New spellings will be sent home on a Friday. Please keep the red book at home until **Thursday** when it will be needed in school to do our spelling quiz and communicate results back to you the following Friday.

### **Muddy Monday**

Year 1 have a forest school session every **Monday** afternoon. Please send your child in to school in full length appropriate trousers, water proof coat and wellies (the latter of which can be left in school)

### **PE**

We have PE on **Wednesdays and Thursdays**. Until the weather warms up, please send your child in PE kit with joggers rather than shorts. Earrings should be removed. Where possible, please provide Velcro fastening trainers until your child can confidently tie shoelaces.

### **5 Minute Spotlight**

This term and next we will be giving each child the opportunity to speak to the class for 5 minutes about a subject of their choice. If they have pictures to share for this purpose, please send them to the Year 1 email so we can view them in the classroom on our screen. A letter will follow shortly with your child's date for their 5 Minute Spotlight.

### **Curriculum News**

For the first two weeks we have themed our writing around 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle. This week we are finding out all about Eric Carle as an author and illustrator and creating our own artwork using his techniques. Your child may wish to show you the Eric Carle website this week which has lots of fun facts and resources:

<https://eric-carle.com/>

There are also many of his stories available to read on Youtube

### **English**

Over the next few weeks up to Easter we will be covering the following writing genres: diary writing, non-fiction reporting and instructions. Please continue to support reading daily either with their school reading book, other reading material, or using the following sites to consolidate skills:

BBC Small Town Heroes

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/games/embed/small-town-superheroes?exitGameUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fbbc.co.uk%2Fbitesize%2Farticles%2Fzncgvk7>

ICT Games – foam phonemes etc.

<http://www.ictgames.co.uk/>

Phonics play (especially for learning common exception sight words and phase 3/5 phonemes)

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

### **Maths**

The children are working hard to learn their sequences of counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.

We will be covering the following units during the next few weeks:

***Multiplication and Division*** – Count in multiples of twos, fives and tens. Solve one step problems involving multiplication and division, by calculating the answer using concrete objects, pictorial representations and arrays with the support of the teacher.

***Fractions*** - Recognise, find and name a half as one of two equal parts of an object, shape or quantity. Recognise, find and name a quarter as one of four equal parts of an object, shape or quantity.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Mrs Hurlock & Mrs Partridge