

Everything you need to know about Year One! Spring 1, 2019

Reading

We hope you are finding the changing of your child's reading books much improved since we started allocating 3 books per week. We are really pleased with how it is going and the children have commented that they prefer it too.

Reading is very important in Year 1. We now have daily guided reading sessions in school and reading **regularly** at home with an adult helps children to make even more progress.

We do expect children to be reading at least 3 times a week, 5 minutes a night is fine.



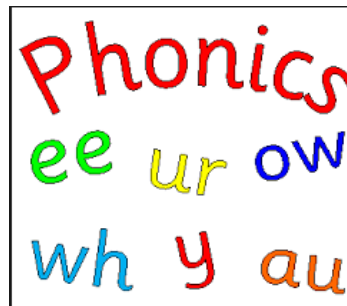
Your child will receive 1 Dojo point for every 3 reads recorded in their Reading Record. These are awarded on a Monday.

Phonics

As you may be aware your child will complete the Phonics Screening Check in early June. This is a short reading task which assess children's reading accuracy.

Even though this seems a long way off, we will be completing lots of reading practise in class. Please support your child by using the Speed Sound Books to review the sounds your child will need to know. This will also help your child to develop fluency when reading all sorts of books at home.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



PE

PE is taught on **Wednesday (Yoga)** and **Thursday (Dance)**. It includes indoor and outdoor PE so please ensure kit is always in school.

Indoor Kit:

Black/Navy shorts, White T-Shirt

Outdoor Kit:

Black or Navy joggers, Black/Navy hooded top, White T Shirt, Trainers (not pumps)



Homework

Thank you for the lovely piece of homework your child completed during Autumn 2.

Homework will now be sent home every other week in your child's Learning Log. Please do not hesitate to ask myself or Mrs Stafford if you have any queries.

Parent Helpers

Mrs Fuller (Callum's mum) has become a familiar face in Starlings and has really helped with hearing readers and any cutting and sticking which has needed doing. She is going to continue to help on a Wednesday morning. If there are any other parents who would like to help in class then please let me know.

Staff

We have been really lucky to have Miss Woodhouse throughout the Autumn term. Miss Woodhouse is currently completing her PGCE and is now moving into her second placement at Belbroughton Primary School. We wish her all the best in her journey to becoming a fully qualified teacher.

Miss Grubb will be supporting Year 1 and Mrs Stafford on a **Monday** and **Thursday** afternoon.

Year 1 Team

Miss Neal: Teacher and Acting Deputy Head
Mrs Stafford: Teaching Assistant and PPA and management cover teacher
Miss Grubb: Teaching Assistant in Year 1 and 2

Spring 1 Topic Information

Our topic this half term is, '**Plot to Plate**' In English we will be reading the traditional tale of, '**The Enormous Turnip**' We will be learning how to sequence our sentences to form a short narrative with capital letters and full stops in the right places! Using our phonic knowledge to spell key words is also a focus and we will be ensuring the tricky words we have learnt in class are spelt correctly. Our topic and science work will be based on growing vegetables and we will be learning all about British trees and flowers. We have also begun a science experiment to answer some of our enquiry questions.



During Spring 2, our Discovery theme is, '**Turrets and Tiaras**' where we will be learning all about castles, Kings and Queens and fairytales. We will be visiting Warwick Castle and the date for this is Wednesday 27th February. A separate letter will be sent out regarding this trip and more information regarding this topic will also be shared with you after the half term break.



Key Dates

Tuesday 6th February: Internet Safety Day

Thursday 7th February: Gymnastics @Sytchampton Primary School, 15 pupils TBC

Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February: Half Term

Monday 25th February: Pupils return to school

Wednesday 27th February: Class trip to Warwick Castle: more details to follow

Tuesday 5th March: Auditions for KS1 show

Monday 11th March: KS1 rehearsals begin

Friday 15th March: Comic Relief (more details to follow)

Wednesday 20th March: Parent's Evening 3:30pm – 7:30pm

Thursday 21st March: Parent's Evening 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Monday 1st April: Living Eggs (Chicks arrive in Year 1 with more details to follow)

Wednesday 3rd April: KS1 Performance 1:30pm

Thursday 4th April: KS1 Performance 6:00pm

Friday 12th April: Easter Bonnet Parade and end of term

