



Welcome back after the half term break! We hope you've had a good rest and are ready for the final term of learning ahead. We thank you for your continued support and the work you are doing with the children at home, especially with the Phonics Screening Test approaching.



Writing

Our topic this half term will be 'Animals from around the world' and the children are very excited about this topic. This term we will learn about all the different exotic animals that exist in the world and interesting facts about them. The children will describe how they move, what they look like and what they eat. Our key texts will be 'Lazy Lion' and 'Lost and Found'.

Reading

Thank you for attending our phonics screening meeting. If you didn't manage to attend, the information can be passed on if you speak with Miss Jeffreys or Mr Walker. The children have been well prepared for the check, which will commence on the week beginning 10th June. Please continue to access phonics virtual classroom videos via Google Classroom following the steps below:



Phonics

As we approach the Phonics Screening Check, you'll notice that Miss Jeffreys and Mr Walker have setting videos for you to practise Phonics sounds with your child on Class Dojo. Please continue to look out for these.

As always, please continue to read at home on a daily basis and sign the reading record at least three times.

PE

Please continue to send your child to school in their PE kit on PE days.

Millie Bright class: PE days in Y1MB are on Tuesdays and Fridays
Julia Donaldson Class: PE days in Y1MB class are Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Other information

Key dates:

Phonics Screening Check: week commencing 10th June.

Sports Day: to be confirmed

Final day of the year: Tuesday 23rd July

Wednesday afternoon is Miss Jeffreys and Mr Walker's PPA time, so Y1 Millie Bright Class will be taught by Miss Shabbir at this time and Y1 Julia Donaldson Class by Miss Waud.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch by speaking directly to us on the door or by phone or email.

Many thanks,

The Year 1 Team

Homework

Books will be taken in on a Thursday and changed on a Friday. Homework is also given out on a Friday. There is no rush to do this immediately, but we have been very impressed at how quickly work has been brought back in the past!

You can help by:

At the end of Year 1 children should know all of their Set 1, Set 2 and Set 3 phonics sounds.

Please practise these at home with your child regularly using the video links below or typing Set 1 and 2 or 3 RWI sounds into Youtube. If you need any support accessing this, please consult your child's class teacher.

Set 1 pure sounds - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6OiU2h3sUI>

Set 2 sounds- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p7hRbrpq5Bo>

Set 3 sounds- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2o2b7nL1jrg>

Listening to your child read and sharing stories with them is so important. Please ask questions about the book to check your child's understanding. The books taken home by the children are of a high quality so it's important to make the best use of them, as they have been carefully matched to the reading level.

Here is a useful list of the 100 high frequency words. Please help your child to read and spell as many of these words as possible: <https://www.highfrequencywords.org/hfw100fp.pdf>

Hit The Button is a fun game where children can practise number bonds, addition facts and times tables. It can be played on most devices. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>