

Year 1 Newsletter



Miss Jeffreys and Miss Allad November - December 2024

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful break over the Half Term and are looking forward to the term ahead. We certainly are feeling very happy about the progress the children are making and how settled and happy they are in their three classes.

English



To start off the new half term, the children have been immersed into the new topic 'Pets'. We have opened our very own 'Pet shop' in class and have already enjoyed learning about how to care for animals. During this half term, the children will be preparing to meet some real pets! How exciting!

Reading

All of the children now have a reading book or a reading sheet and this will be changed on a weekly basis. Your child's book will be collected every **Thursday** and a new book will be provided on **Friday**. Please make sure your child brings in their reading book and reading record to school **every day**, as the children will be read with during school time.

Please read with your child at least three times a week and sign the reading record.

Maths

In maths, we will begin to learn about subtraction. Children will be introduced to methods to help them subtract. Children will also start to use the subtraction symbol to write number sentences and writing related facts for numbers. Children will recognise and sort 2-D and 3-D shapes and creates patterns with 2-D and 3-D shapes.

PE

Please ensure your child wears a plain black PE kit on P.E days. Joggers are especially useful as the weather gets colder. Trainers can be worn on PE days only.

Y1 Oliver Jeffers Class: PE days are on Tuesdays and Thursdays
Y1 Mae Jemison Class : PE days are on Tuesdays and Thursdays



Other information

Y1'S teaching assistants are Mrs Hafsa and Mrs Khatoon.

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

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>

Key dates:

Beginning of half term: Monday 4th November - Diwali Celebrations

Remembrance Day: 11th November

Anti-Bullying Week: 11th - 15th November

Maths Week: 18th- 22nd November

Christmas Jumper Day: 12th December

Inspirational Children Assembly: 13th December

Christmas Parties: 20th December

Last day of half term: Friday 20th December