

# Year One Newsletter

## Spring Term

We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and wish you a Happy New Year. Spring's topics are **The World and Me** and **Great Explorers** and we hope that your child is ready for some fun learning about these topics (with a little bit of hard work slipped in!)

The following notices are to remind you of the Year 1 time table and when we need reading books returned etc.

**Reading books.** Each week, your child will be given a reading book that matches what has been taught to them during our daily phonics lessons. They will be given another book which is their Guided Reading book, again this is targeted at your child's reading level. This book is shared in school, in groups three times a week. Encourage them to read it, re-read it and enjoy the book again with you. The more the child reads and becomes familiar with the text, the stronger their reading and understanding of texts will become.

Please ensure both reading books, along with their home-school diaries are in school each day. We shall swap reading books regularly so to have them in their book bags each day, would be beneficial.

**Our PE days** are **Wednesdays and Fridays**. Children are to come to school wearing their PE kits on their designated days. Children can wear joggers and must wear their school jumper over their PE tops on colder days. No hoodies or sportswear with logos are allowed.

**Topics** On our website and on Dojo Knowledge Organisers are posted at the beginning of each topic. On there, is information that you may find useful, such as new vocabulary and their meanings and fun facts about the subject. Please take time to go through these with your child to support their learning in the topics at home.

**The World and Me**— Pupils' English tasks will be based around books from around the world. They will learn about different places and cultures. The children will be guided by us to write diary entries, cultural stories and riddles.

**Great Explorers**— Pupil's will be learning about explorers of the sea, space and all in between! In English, they will learn more about speech bubbles, instructions, lost/missing posters, setting descriptions and story writing.



## Homework



Spellings are regularly uploaded to the Dojo page for children to learn. They will be tested in school. Please help your child learn these spellings. Many of the spellings are linked to the phonics taught during the week. The others will be COMMON EXCEPTION WORDS. We have once again, attached a full list of these words from Years 1 and 2 to this letter. Please keep this document and perhaps display it somewhere for your child to see. These words are very important for the children to learn - they need to know how to spell and read these words.

On a Friday, homework will be set linked mostly to the English or Maths the children have learnt that week. Please support your child in completing their homework by explaining the task and ensuring they hand it in on time. We place a homework collection box on the carpet Monday-Wednesday. We would ask that homework is handed in on Wednesday at the latest.

Finally, let us take the opportunity to tell you how much we are enjoying teaching this lovely bunch! We are looking forward to spending the Spring Term with them.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this. Any questions, do ask.

Miss O'Mara and Mrs Webber.



# Year 1 and 2 Common Exception Words

## Year 1

the      they      one  
a      be      once  
do      he      ask  
to      me      friend  
today      she      school  
of      we      put  
said      no      push  
says      go      pull  
are      so      full  
were      by      house  
was      my      our  
is      here  
his      there  
has      where  
I      love  
you      come  
your      some

## Year 2

door      gold      plant      clothes  
floor      hold      path      busy  
poor      told      bath      people  
because      every      hour      water  
find      great      move      again  
kind      break      prove      half  
mind      steak      improve      money  
behind      pretty      sure      Mr  
child      beautiful      sugar      Mrs  
children      after      eye      parents  
wild      fast      could      Christmas  
climb      last      should      everybody  
most      past      would      even  
only      father      who  
both      class      whole  
old      grass      any  
cold      pass      many