

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	

