



# Year One Newsletter

Welcome back to a new term. We hope you all had a great break and are ready for a few more busy weeks ahead!



Our Year Group Team

Mrs Dainty, Mrs Benson, Miss Watson

Mrs Raper, Miss Wood, Ms White, Miss Parkin, Miss Gavan

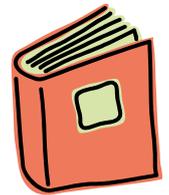


Firstly we would like to say a big thank you for taking the time to come and see your children's work on the last day of term. We know the children enjoyed it and it was nice for us to show you the classroom and some of the things we have been doing. We hope to plan more sessions like this.

We would also like to welcome Miss Watson as the new teacher of Purple Class. She's had a really good first week and the children have really enjoyed having her as their new teacher.

Coming into school in the morning is a very busy time in Year One and we like the children to come in quickly and easily as possible, so that learning can start happening straight away. Please try to have your child in school for the start of registration.

We are aware that messages need to be passed on, or sometimes you may need to speak to your child's teacher. There will always be a member of staff at the door in the morning who is happy to talk to you. If you do need to see your child's teacher, they will usually be with the children at home time. Should you wish to discuss anything in depth, please make an appointment with your child's class teacher in the first instance, or if necessary after this, an appointment with Mrs Dainty our year group leader.



PE in Year One will take place on a **MONDAY** (Indoor). Please ensure kit is fully named and this can stay in school all week. Swimming is now finished, so we will now begin our outdoor PE sessions again on a **FRIDAY**. Children will need suitable clothes to wear outside and trainers. This does not have to be school uniform.

## Important Information

### Reading Books and Spellings.

Your child will read with an adult throughout their week in school. This may be in a group reading session, or individually. **The day that this happens may vary, so we ask that children have reading folders in school every day.** They will take home a school reading book(s) that is pitched at the level of work they are completing in class, or sometimes with a bit more challenge. They will also take a sharing book; an opportunity for you to enjoy a story together. Every Friday the children will take home a small list of spellings to practise writing. Your child's spellings may be different to another child in the class. Our spellings will be linked to sounds or words we have been learning during the week, and we will review this every Friday with a small 'Spelling Challenge', based on the words they have taken home. Practising these words at home is really helping the children in class. Where possible, we ask that you also check the children's phonics books for their new sounds.



## What are we learning?

We are beginning this half term looking at **Growing**.

We will begin with the story Jack and the Beanstalk. We will be writing our own piece of narrative based on the story, performing in role play and sequencing the story using story language. We will also be writing a set of instructions on how to plant our own beans.

We are going to be discussing what is 'living' and 'non-living' and discussing what plants need to survive. As well as planting our own beans, we will be carrying out our own investigations to find out how things grow in different conditions. We're also going to be keeping a diary of the changes in our bean. We're going to be busy!

The children will be looking at some other plants and flowers and learning the correct terms for labelling them. This will link into our artwork for this half term, where we will be drawing and painting some of the flowers that we see.

In Numeracy, we will be continuing with lots of counting, ordering and comparing numbers and place value in particular. We will be revising how to add and take away 10 from a number, using our knowledge of tens and units. We will be applying our work on measuring last term to study how tall our beans will grow!

We would like to say thank you for such a positive response to our new homework. There were some lovely pieces of work in the scrap books that the teachers really enjoyed looking at! New homework challenges have been set and will now be coming home for the rest of this term. The hand in date is Friday 15th May.

Thank You!

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