



Year One Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed the half term break. A huge thank you to all those parents that were able to come and join us on our Superheroes Parent Sharing Session at the end of last term! It was lovely to see so many of you; the children really enjoyed sharing their progress so far. We would also like to welcome Mrs Hendry into Orange Class who is covering for Mrs Dainty, whilst she takes a well deserved break before her baby arrives!

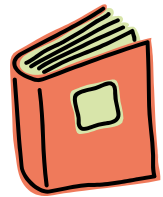


Our Year Group Team

**Mrs Hendry, Mrs Benson, Mrs Dawson
Miss White, Miss Lofts, Mrs Soper, Mrs Rea**



Coming into school in the morning is a very busy time in Year One and we like the children to come in quickly and easy as possible, so that learning can start happening straight away. 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 you child's class teacher in the first instance, or if necessary after this, an appointment with Mrs Benson, our year group leader.



Important Information

PE

PE in Year One will take place on a

Monday (Indoor)

Please ensure your child has suitable PE Kit for indoor PE that has all items named.

Swimming will continue to take place on a Tuesday morning. Your child will require their swimming kit.

Please make sure your child is not wearing their earrings on these days.

Details of correct PE kit are available on the school website.

Reading Books, Homework and Spellings!

Many thanks for your continuing support with homework activities.

Spellings will continue to be sent home weekly, along with a new set of topic challenges in the green scrap books. The scrap books will need to be completed by Friday 18th March 2016.

New sounds have also been added into the grey phonics books. We will continue revise all the digraphs and trigraphs we have learned so far, and it would help enormously if you could spend just five minutes every day reinforcing this at home.

It would be very helpful if your child has their reading book and comment book in their bag every day. The day we read in school may change.



What are we learning?

Our theme this half term is 'Bright Lights, Big City!'

We will begin by learning the names of the four countries in the United Kingdom and locating them on a map. We will be focussing on England's capital city, London, and looking at the well-known sights and features of our famous city. We will also be finding out who lives at Buckingham Palace!

Later, we will be looking into the past and finding out about the *Great Fire of London*. We will be discussing Samuel Pepys' special diary and discovering where and how the fire started!

Finally, we will make comparisons between cities and the countryside. We will read one of our favourite stories 'Town Mouse and Country Mouse'. We will also look at the work of artist Paul Klee.

Throughout the term we will be keeping a very close eye on the special beans that we have planted this week, and recording our observations using our very own bean diaries. Hopefully these beans will grow into huge beanstalks...

Important Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 1st March - Class Photographs (No swimming this week)

Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day (Dress up as your favourite character!)

Tuesday 15th March - Parent consultation afternoons

Thursday 17th March - Parent consultation afternoons

Year 1 Present their Easter Play 'Jack and the Beanstalk'

Tuesday 22nd March 9.30 - 10.30 for Orange Class parents

Wednesday 23rd March 9.30 - 10.30 for Purple Class parents

Thursday 24th March 9.30 - 10.30 for Silver Class parents

Thursday 24th March - End of term 4

Thank you! The Year One Team.