



Year One Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed the Easter break. A huge thank you to all those parents that were able to come and join us on our 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. This term will be another busy one!



Our Year Group Team

**Mrs Dainty, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Pennell, Mr Reilly
Ms White, Miss Hutson, Mrs Gadd, Mrs Soper**



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 Dainty, our year group leader.



Important Information

PE

PE in Year One will take place on a

Monday (Outdoor)

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

There is no indoor PE this half term, as our Twist and Flip sessions have now finished.

Swimming will continue to take place on a Tuesday morning, with our sessions re-commencing next week. . **Your child will require their swimming kit.**

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

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 **Wednesday 23rd May.**

New sounds will be added into the grey phonics books, as and when we learn new sounds in class. We will continue to revise all the diagraphs 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. This half term we will be working especially hard on our Phonics. The children will complete their Year One Phonics screening check in June. More information to follow.

Please continue to access bug club at home, to complete reading books at the children's level.



What are we learning?

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

We had a 'special visitor' to Year One this week! The children had lots of questions to ask her and enjoyed a lovely tea party, with sandwiches they had made themselves, we're sure you have heard lots about it!!

We are going to be finding out lots more about London in particular, but reminding ourselves of all the four countries in the United Kingdom and labelling the capital cities. We will be focusing on the well-known sites of London, and looking at some of the physical and human features, as well as looking at maps.

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'.

Important Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 24th April- Swimming to re-start

Friday 4th May- Year One's turn to share trophies and certificates in Celebration Assembly

Monday 7th May- Bank Holiday

Wednesday 16th May 2.45pm-3.10pm -Parent Sharing

Wednesday 23rd May- Sports Day (first try, weather permitting!)

Friday 25th May-Year One's turn to share trophies and certificates in Celebration Assembly

Friday 25th May- Break up for half term.

Tuesday 5th June- Children return to school (school closed Monday for staff training)

Thank you for your continued support. The Year One Team.