

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely holiday. We are very excited to welcome you to Year One and continue with our fantastic learning. **School starts at 8:50a.m. and finishes at 3:00p.m.** Please don't hesitate to come and see a member of the Year One team if you have any worries or questions.

Science

In Science this term, we will be learning all about Ourselves. This includes, our bodies, how we grow and change over time, how to keep fit and healthy and our five senses (sight, smell, taste, touch and sound). You can help at home by discussing parts of your child's body and how they keep fit and healthy.

Computing

In Computing this term, we will be learning all about E-Safety. We will also be learning how to log onto computers and the basic skills of using a computer. You can help at home by talking to your child about staying safe online and allowing them opportunities to type on the computer or tablet.

PE and Dance

In PE this half term the children will be securing basic physical skills. They will focus on exploring different movements, including locomotion and locomotive movements.

Geography

In Geography this half term, we will be focusing on place knowledge and to do this we will be exploring our local area. This will include a local area walk which we will need volunteers for, so watch this space! You can help at home by discussing what you see in the local area when walking to and from school.

Mathematics

In Maths, we will be learning to count, read and write numbers to at least 20. We aim to make sure that the children are secure with their place value of numbers up to 20 by using practical ways to count and read numbers. We will also focus on one more and one less of numbers up to 20 and learn how to write these numbers as words. You can help your child at home by asking them identify numbers around the home and whilst out and about. You could encourage them to use 10p and 1p coins to make amounts to 20.

Design and Technology

Au- In D&T this half term, we will be making fruit treats. We will go through a process of planning how to make them and what we will need. After we have made them, we will then evaluate our work and see if there is anything we would change or keep the same if we were to make them again.

English

In English, we are learning to write using our sounds, capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. We will be starting by learning how to write labels, lists and sentences all about ourselves. We are going to listen to, read and retell some familiar stories. You can support your child at home by prompting them to sound out the words they try to write and by practising letter formation. We love to see any writing that they do at home.

For reading, we will be focusing on the skill of sounding out and blending words. We will also be answering simple questions about characters and events. You can help your child at home by reading everyday. It would also help if you could ask questions about characters from the story, for example, 'How did the character feel when...'.

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How can I help my child at home?



Reading advice

Read, read, read!

Please make sure your child reads daily. Reading helps develop their vocabulary and imagination and helps improve their writing and concentration. If you have any non-fiction (information) books, please read these too!

The children will still have a home-reading book and a library book as usual.

We're continuing our new Shirley Warren reading challenge this half term. Fill in a box for each day that you read anything at home with an adult. When it's done, bring it in for a dip in the class treasure chest. We'll keep your cards and at the end of the half term one child from Key Stage 1 will be chosen to win a book. The more cards you bring back, the higher your chance of winning... so keep on reading!

Talk about books:

Try to read to and with your child often. Discuss the illustrations, the characters, the language used by the writer, or whether you like the book and why. We are now doing a lot of predicting about stories with questions like 'what might happen next?' and 'how do you think the character is feeling?' to develop a deeper understanding of the story.

Websites

- <http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>
Great for phonics practice
- http://espresso/espresso/primary_uk/home/index.html
Great for exploring basic skills and topics across the entire curriculum
- Sumdog— We will be sending out the children's logins soon. This is a great website full of exciting games to help embed out basic skills in maths.
- Bugclub— We will be sending out the children's logins soon. This is a fantastic website where your child can read books with you and answer questions about the story.

Homework, home-reading, library books and PE kits

Homework will be sent home in the children's red homework books on a **Monday** and due back in on the **Friday**.

Home-school reader books will be sent home every week and will be changed on a Monday.

Our Library day is Tuesday, children will need to bring back their library book every Tuesday to be changed.

Year One PE is on Tuesday so please can the children come to school in their PE kits with their school uniform in a separate bag to change back into.

For PE your child will need: a yellow t-shirt, black shorts or sports trousers and trainers. Children **must** wear their PE kit for their after school clubs too.