

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. This newsletter will provide you with some useful information about what your child will be doing this half term. However, if there is anything that you are unsure about, please feel free to catch us at the end of the day or drop the office an email.

Big Idea

This half term we will be looking at retelling different types of stories including fairy tales and stories from different religions. We will be retelling these stories in different ways including drama and of course our Christmas play!

English

We will be focusing on narrative work and writing well known stories using our words. We will also be using drama to help us remember parts of stories in preparation for writing them down.

Maths

We will be working on addition and subtraction using a range of resources to help us solve problems including a number line. We will continue work on place value ensuring we can read and write numbers accurately. To end the term, we will be looking at 2D shapes and using them creatively.

Lockers

Please make sure bags your child brings to school are kept to a minimum. Lockers are quite small and there isn't much room once coats and P.E. bags are stored inside.

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a water bottle, labelled with their name, for the classroom. Packed lunch bags are taken down to the canteen and children need to have access to water throughout the day.

P.E. Kit

As the weather is getting cooler, please make sure your child has a warm P.E. kit with plenty of layers. Our P.E. days remain the same (Tuesday and Wednesday), but kits can remain in school for a few weeks.

Reading Books

Please continue to send reading books and reading records to school each Friday so we can check and change books. If the books are not returned, we cannot change them or award stickers for regular reading at home (4 or more times).

How to Help Your Child at Home This Half Term

Here are some ways in which you can support your child with their learning:

- Reading, sharing and enjoying books together
- Counting forwards and backwards within 20
- Encourage your child to dress and undress themselves independently

- Write upper and lower case letters, starting and finishing in the correct places
- Writing numerals correctly

Please see the Helping Your Child at Home section on the Year One page of the school website for more information.

If you have any questions, please come and speak to us and we will do our best to help you.

Kind regards,

The Year One Team