

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to the Spring term and our first of 2022! 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 different types of travelling and transport including those used in the past. The children will be using the facts they find out to create their own fact book about different types of transport.

English

We will be focusing on non-fiction writing including recounts about the Christmas break and non-chronological reports.

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 then look at place value within 50 ensuring we can read and write numbers accurately.

Lockers

Now the weather is colder and children need thicker coats, please make sure the bags they bring to school remain as small as possible. The space inside the locker is very limited and children struggle to close the door if there are lots of items 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

Please make sure your child has a warm P.E. kit with plenty of layers. This term, our P.E. days are the same (Tuesday and Wednesday), but kits can remain in school for a few weeks.

Reading Books

Please make sure reading books and reading records are in school EVERY DAY. These need to be kept in the plastic wallet inside your child's book bag. This is a change to previous practice, but will ensure we can note any extra reading sessions that happen during the week. To ensure children are accessing a book that only covers graphemes they know, we will continue to change books and check records each Friday. However, we understand that reading the same text 4 times can be tedious. Rereading a text is a very valuable exercise for Year One pupils as it helps to build fluency and we would like children to read their school book a couple of times, but reading at home can be a combination of reading the school book along with other material. For example, read the school book on Monday and Tuesday and then a book from the library or home on Wednesday and Thursday. This would all go towards the target of 4 reading sessions at home. If the books are not

returned, we cannot change them or award stickers for regular reading at home (4 or more times). We have a limited supply of home reading books, so PLEASE return the book each week. If you have any questions regarding reading at home, please let us know.

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 50
- 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
- Regular, Phonics grapheme practice (if resources have been sent home with your child)

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