

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely, sunny Easter break. This term our enquiry is: 'The Wonderful World of Water.' We have asked the children what they know, what they want to find out and have based this term's learning journey on their ideas. Check out the website's Topic Web to find out what we have planned this term. Don't forget to check the website during the term for regular updates and photos/videos of the exciting learning happening in Year 1.

Morning Routine

It is very important that the register is taken at 8:40 am so the children are ready to begin the day's activities. We appreciate your continued support in letting your child settle into the school day independently by waiting at the door. We will be asking all children to do this in the summer term in preparation for year 2.

PE

PE will continue to be on set days, but we ask you to please ensure children have their kit in school at all times in case other opportunities arise during the week. Due to the unpredictable British weather, please make sure that a sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms are in the bag at all times. To make sure no one misplaces their clothes, can we ask that your child's name is visible on the labels, (including jumpers and cardigans).

Reading

Children can continue to change their books as frequently as they require. Please ensure your child puts their books and contact book in this box first thing in the morning if they need to change them that day. Reading is enormously important, so please hear your child read as often as possible; this could be their school books or any reading material you have at home e.g. stories, magazines, puzzles, information books etc. Please record this in their books so we can see all their hard work. Remember to log in to **Bug Club** and **Teach Your Monster to Read** for free games and books.

Homework/Spellings

Homework will be given out during the first week of term in your child's homework book. As usual, spellings will be given out on a Tuesday to be tested the following Tuesday. From term 5 the children will be tested on their allocated spellings and an additional random Y1 Common Exception word. These were handed out during parent's evening; let us know if you would like another copy.

Maths games on the website

Remember to check our Y1 webpage to see regularly updated free maths games and songs: http://www.redoaks.org/celebrating_children.php . These will help your child practise the skills they have been learning in class.

Phonics Screening

In year 1 the children take part in the national phonics screening assessment. This is a 1:1 assessment that will take place with a teacher. It takes between 10-20 minutes and tests the children on their phonetic knowledge. The children are presented with 20 real words and 20 'nonsense' words (indicated with an alien next to them.) They will need to sound out the word and blend it back together, saying the word aloud. It is important that the children identify the digraphs (e.g ee, ea, ou) and trigraphs (e.g igh, ure, ear) when looking at the words. This year the phonics screening check will take place in the week commencing Monday 11th June and it is important that your child is in school this week. We will continue to send materials home to help support your child. If you would like to discuss the screening, require some extra resources or would like some advice, please feel free to come and chat to us.

Communication

We are available before or after school on most days if you wish to come and see us for any particular reason. Alternatively, you can leave a message in the home/school contact books and give it to us in the morning and we will respond as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 1 team ☺

