



Dear Parents/Carers,

We can't believe we have already completed our first half term in Year 1. The children have settled in well and we can't believe the amount of progress they have made already. Let's make this next half term an amazing term for learning. This letter will tell you the information that your child will be learning about in class. Further information about their learning can be found on our school website.

Our Learning:

- In English, our first unit is based around the story of 'Stanley's Stick'. Children will be re-telling the story of Stanley's Stick. For our second piece of writing, we will be looking into the text 'Lost in the Toy Museum' where the children are going to write a toy description of their favourite toy. Our final piece of writing will be based around the non-fiction book 'The Big Book of the UK', where the children writing a report about their local area.
- In Reading, our texts will be a range of fiction and nonfiction texts that the children can enjoy and decode. We will be focusing on the reading skill Retrieve and Sequence.
- In Maths, the children will be learning addition and subtraction with 10 and beginning to look at 2D and 3D shapes.
- In Science, our focus is physics. We will be learning about seasonal changes where we will look at the four different seasons and compare the weather in these seasons.
- In Geography, we will be learning about the UK. We will be looking at countries and capital cities within the UK while also exploring our local area.
- In R.E. we will be learning about the Christmas and exploring the question 'What gifts might Christians in my town given Jesus if he had been born here, rather than in Bethlehem?'
- In P.E, the children will be focusing on gymnastics and football. They will be learning how change the shape of their bodies and how to throw and kick in different ways.
- In Art, the children will be learning how to create Self Portraits. We will be learning how to use a range of different tools and materials.

PE

Below is the day your child will take part in PE.

On this day your child must wear their PE kits to school.

Poppy Class - Monday

Daisy Class - Monday

Buttercup Class- Monday



Homework

Each week your child will be expected to complete a range of different homework tasks to help support their learning in school. All homework will be found on our school website under the Year 1 page. Year 1 children will also be given homework which will be printed in school each week. Children should complete this homework and then send photographs to your class teacher on Class Dojo.

Reading	Please support your child at home in ensuring that they are reading each day independently and to you. They must also have opportunities to listen to an adult read to them. Once you have read with your child, please make a comment in their reading record.
Spelling Shed	Children will receive login details to access spelling shed, where they must practise their spellings each week.
Letter Join	Children will receive login details to access letter formation videos that will support them with their handwriting. Handwriting sheets will also be sent home each week.
Phonics	On our school website there will be a number of video links where children can practise their phonics each week. Phonics videos will also be shared on Class Dojo weekly.
myON	Children will receive login details which will allow them to read books on a device at home. Children will receive 10 Dojo points for each book they read on myON.

In class we would love to celebrate the amazing homework children do at home. This means that any time your child completes a piece of homework, send a photo to your class teacher on Class Dojo so it can be celebrated and rewarded. Children will receive Class Dojo points for completing their homework.

Attached to this letter you will find your child's Knowledge Organisers. You can use the information on their Knowledge Organisers to test your child's recall of facts and their understanding of the new vocabulary listed.

If you require any additional information, please contact your child's class teacher on Class Dojo, who will be happy to assist you.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

The Year 1 team