

Welcome to Year 1



September 2021

Classes 1MS and 1W

Dear Parents,

First, we would like to say a big welcome back and hope that everyone has had an enjoyable summer break. It has been lovely to see happy smiley children. We have been impressed at how well they have settled into their new classes and routines.

Routines

Children should bring reading wallets, spelling books and water bottles into class.

Reading books

Please encourage your child to read a little every night; recording in the reading diary which pages your child has read. It is good to discuss the content/story with your child to ensure they fully comprehend. Also talk about any new vocabulary. We recommend that children read their book several times to develop word recognition and fluency.



Reading books are changed twice a week on Wednesday and Friday. Could we please ask that reading records are signed so that we know they have been read and need to be changed.

Homework - The children will have spellings, reading and a maths activity to do each week.

Spelling:

All children will bring home spellings to practise. These are based on the spelling patterns that are taught in class. Please practise these words with your children using the 'Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check' method. Children are to copy the list three times then write two sentences that incorporate the spellings from their list. (See sheet in welcome pack)



The spellings will be sent home on a Tuesday for the children to practise throughout the week. A sheet will be stuck in their spelling book explaining the different activities.

Spelling books are to be returned on Monday in their reading folder. Dictation, including some of the new spellings and high frequency words, will be done once a week on a Monday. New spelling patterns are introduced on a Tuesday.

Maths:

Maths homework will be given on a Friday. Initially this will be a practical activity to do together at home. This will be based on work covered throughout the week. Children will also have Numbots logins to consolidate their maths skills on the computer/tablet from home. These logins will be issued shortly.

P.E

P.E for all Year 1 will be on Monday and Tuesday. **All children to please come to school in P.E kits on those days**, instead of school uniform.

All children will need all of their P.E kit named including; dark trainers, white t-shirt, school sweatshirt and black shorts for PE. As the weather becomes colder, children may prefer to wear black leggings/jogging trousers.



Other equipment

It is useful if the children have a named art shirt for the more “messy” activities. This can be kept on their peg.



Waterbottle – it is essential that the children are hydrated. The bottle is to be kept in the classroom.

Coats - It is always good for the children to have a coat – even a lightweight one in summer as we know the weather can be changeable and the children will still go outside for breaks when it is raining.



Snack:

A selection of fruit is provided in KS1 every day, however your child can bring a **healthy snack** (rice cakes, bread sticks, dried fruit, scone loaf, etc) if they want to.

Show and Tell:

Children with reading folders labelled 1-12 will be able to show and tell on Wednesdays and children with reading folders labelled 13-24 will be able to on Thursdays.

Pack of resources:

All children will have a pack of resources to support them with their home learning. These are for you to refer to as and when needed. It includes useful information on how we do letter formation and joins, number formation and key spellings that Year 2 children should know. We have also included a list of useful websites that your child can access.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs McInnes Miss Webb Mrs Schofield