

Year One Class Newsletter

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Welcome back and Happy New Year!

It is so lovely to welcome the children and families back to school!

I have put together this newsletter to inform you of important information you may wish to know for the first half term of the new school year.

If you have any other questions, you can contact me by:

- A conversation after school on a **Monday, Tuesday or Friday.**
- Class Dojo—after school up until 4.30pm
- Telephone—please call school to arrange a telephone conversation (0121 464 6921)

We can't wait for the year ahead and hope you and your child feel the same!

Spring Term

We are now beginning the Spring 2 term and we would like to let you know that the Phonics Screening Check will take place next term. Your support at home really helps the children make good progress.

Please read with your child daily and practise their sounds with them. Phonics games and revisiting tricky words can also make a big difference. We are continuing to encourage the children to be more independent and to stay focused during their learning in school.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Class Dojo

Keep a look out on Class Dojo for posts about what we are up to!

Also keep up to date on our school X (Twitter) page!



Recall Facts

This half term we are continuing to focus on number bonds to 20. We would appreciate any help from home in learning these facts.

Number bonds to 20

	1 + 19		19 + 1
	2 + 18		18 + 2
	3 + 17		17 + 3
	4 + 16		16 + 4
	5 + 15		15 + 5
	6 + 14		14 + 6
	7 + 13		13 + 7
	8 + 12		12 + 8
	9 + 11		11 + 9
	10 + 10		10 + 10

PE

Your child must come to school in their PE kit on their named PE day.

Your child's PE day is

Thursday

A full PE kit is:

plain white t-shirt

black or navy joggers or shorts (small logo)

black or white trainers (velcro) or school pumps.

A school jumper or cardigan must also be worn on this day.

Please ensure your child's name is clearly labelled on all items of clothing.



Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a labelled water bottle to school **every day**. Labelling helps avoid mix-ups with other children's bottles. The bottle will be sent home each day to be cleaned.



Reading Books

A fundamental element of the curriculum is reading. Your child will receive reading books each week to take home. We encourage you to read these books with your child more than once, as this helps them become familiar with new words and deepens their understanding of the story.

We aim to change books more than once a week; however, this may not always be possible, so we kindly ask for your understanding. We do our very best to ensure your child's book is changed as frequently as possible. Please remember to sign their reading diary when they have read, so we know their book is ready to be changed.



Phonics

Throughout Year One, we focus heavily on developing children's phonetic knowledge, as it is vital in supporting their reading and writing abilities. If you would like advice on supporting your child with their phonics at home, please send me a message via Class Dojo. Alternatively, I have listed below some free phonics websites that will be beneficial for your child's learning at home:

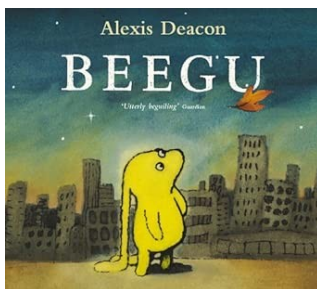
<https://www.phonicsbloom.com>

<https://www.education.com/games/phonics/>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>

Our Class Read this half term is:

The Beegu by Alexis Deacon



Labelling Clothing

Please ensure that **all** of your child's clothing and belongings are clearly labelled with their name. This helps us return any misplaced items quickly and avoids confusion.



Maths Our topics this half term are: - Numbers to 50 - Length and Height - Mass and Volume	English In English, our focus will be ensuring that children can write simple sentences using capital letters and full stops. We will also continue to develop pre-cursive handwriting, supporting children as they become more confident with this style of writing. We will be reading a variety of books including <i>The Lion Inside</i> by Rachel Bright.	RE Our units over the next half term are: - Lent - Holy Week We are leading up to a very special time in the liturgical calendar.	Science Taking Care of the Earth It is very important we learn how to protect our earth. We will start by looking at how our earth is being damaged and then move onto looking in closer detail at major problems with earth damage such as pollution, logging and deforestation.
PE In PE, children will be building on their multi-skills with a particular focus on dance.	Music This term, children learn about Ostinato The children will compose and perform a piece about space, structured around a rhythmic ostinato and using the voice and untuned percussion instruments to create rhythms based on word patterns.		History Kings and Queens In this unit, we will be looking at monarchy, particularly how it first started with the Magna Carta. We will study kings and queens from this time and how they influenced the laws and decisions at that time.
Computing Grouping Data We will be looking at how we can label, group and sort objects based on their properties.	Art Style in Art We will be looking closely at how art looks through the work of Van Gogh. We will move onto looking at stories and characters in art		PRE In our PRE lessons, we will be thinking about who we are as individuals and exploring the different things that make us unique and special. We will also explore what it means to have a positive learning attitude and how we can think in a more positive way.