



Class 1 Spring 1 Curriculum Letter

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fantastic holiday. Another busy, busy term with lots of exciting things happening!

Class Routines

Thank you for supporting the children to become more independent by allowing them to come in on their own. It really supports their confidence and allows us to get off to a quick start on a morning! However, please do speak to a member of staff if you need to pass on an important message. If you want to speak for a little longer, after school is probably a better time to catch us.

PE

A quick reminder about PE which will take place every **Thursday**. A PE kit should contain:

- Black shorts
- White T-shirt
- Plimsoles/trainers (for any outdoor PE)
- Tracksuit top/jumper
- Tracksuit/jogging bottoms

Reading

Children in Class 1 read twice a week to a member of staff. It is important that these skills are consolidated at home. Children should be aiming to read about 3/4 times a week at home, those children who do read at home generally make better reading progress than those who don't. A member of staff will usually acknowledge children have read at home by initialling or writing a comment.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

As part of the school's plan to develop reading and phonics skills and promote a real love of reading, Class 1 will be reintroducing our 'Reading Monster!' Year One children will know about this from last year!

Every time a child reads at home with a parent/carer they will receive a 'ticket'. Therefore, if a child reads every night during a school week they will receive 5 tickets.

The more tickets you get in the monster, the more likely you are to win!

All the tickets for the week will go into our reading monster and a prize will be given to 3 children on a Friday during assembly. Once it has been drawn, all tickets are then taken out and children will have the chance to get more tickets again the following week.

Y1 Spellings

Spellings will be tested every Friday afternoon. These spellings will be sent out on a Monday where possible and will be focused on Common Exception Words.

Our Curriculum

Our topic for this half term is 'The Wonderful World of Animals'. This is a science focused topic as well as focusing on events beyond living memory and farming in the past (History and Geography). We will be doing some animal art this half term as well as looking at the importance of Easter within our Religious Education lessons.

Many thanks,

Mr. Barwick