



## Year 1 Newsletter - Term 2

We hope you have had a lovely half term break and are ready for a busy and exciting Term 2!

### Maths

In Maths this term, we will be learning to add and subtract before moving onto shape.

### English

This term we will be linking poetry with Firework Night and Remembrance Day. Our writing will also be influenced by some Christmas themed texts such as The Lighthouse Keeper's Christmas, T'was The Night Before Christmas and The Nutcracker.

### Other subjects

**History:** we will be going back in time to learn about The Gunpowder Plot and The Battle of Hastings for our significant event topics.

**Geography:** our travels in Geography will take us around The United Kingdom to learn about the countries which make up the UK.

**Art:** we will be learning about landscapes through John Constables artwork using sketching, and colour wash skills.

**Science:** we continue our biology learning on humans and animals before starting our first physics topic of electrical circuits.

### P.E

Please make sure that children come into school wearing the correct PE kit on their PE day. In keeping with our P.E. Policy, earrings must be removed on PE days.

Both classes will have outdoor PE on **Wednesday** and indoor PE on **Thursday**.

### PE Kit

- Plain white PE t-shirt (or house team colour)
- Black shorts
- Black or grey track suit
- Trainers (Outdoor PE)
- Plimsolls (Indoor PE)

### Reading books

Year 1 continue to follow the Little Wandle scheme. Children will bring home a shared reading book to enjoy with you. On **Friday's** children will bring home their phonic reading book. This is a teaching resource; therefore, we appreciate these being returned promptly on the following **Monday** ready to be used with the next group of children. The phonic book will also be available as an e-book. Login details will be in the children's contact books.

### Homework

Homework will be given out on **Friday** each week and is due the following **Wednesday**.

### Water bottles

Children need to bring in a named water bottle every day even if they are having a school dinner. We encourage children to drink water regularly. Bottles will be sent home every afternoon.

### Contact books

Contact books are a form of communication for parents and carers and must be handed in every day as they are checked by a member of the Year 1 team.

Please use the contact books to record all of the fantastic reading that you are doing at home. Contact books can also be used for any messages. We will always respond and arrange a convenient time to discuss something if needed.

As the weather turns cooler, please ensure children come to school dressed for the changeable weather. Rain always seems to appear at break and lunchtimes!

Please label all clothing items to enable us to return them should they go missing.

A gentle reminder to inform the office or write a note in your child's contact book if they are being collected by a different adult. This is inline with our safeguarding policy.

If you have any worries or concerns, please feel free to contact us via the office, or on the gate at drop off or pick up.

Miss Gunner and Miss Marsh