

Year 1 Newsletter

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January – February 2024

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you all had a restful break over the holidays and are looking forward to the year ahead. We certainly are feeling very happy about the progress the children are making and how settled and happy they are in their classes.

English

In English, we will be learning all about Space and the Moon Landings. The children will learn lots of knowledge through history lessons and our key texts. We will read 'Look Up!' and 'Man on the Moon' to learn about astronauts and what it is like on the moon. The children will write a recount about a day on the moon and we will read our recounts out loud on our Astronaut Day where we will blast off rockets that we have made.



Reading

Your child's book will be changed every **Friday**. Please make sure your child brings in their reading book and reading record to school **every day**, as the children will be read with during school time. Phonics videos will be set on Class Dojo each week. Please watch these and remind children to use special friends, Fred talk and read the word.

Please read with your child at least three times a week and sign the reading record.

Maths

In maths, the children will begin to learn about numbers to 20 and consolidate their knowledge of numbers to 10. Children will learn how to add and subtract numbers to 20 in different ways and using different methods. We will also learn how to double numbers within 20 and use Numicon to support our understanding.

PE

Please come to school wearing the correct PE uniform on your child's PE days. This can be the blue polo top provided with navy shorts or a plain black polo top with black jogging bottoms.

PE days in Millie Bright Class: Tuesdays and Fridays

PE days in Malala Yousafzai Class: Wednesdays and Fridays

PE days in Julia Donaldson Class: Mondays and Wednesdays

Other information

Start of term: Monday 8th January 2024

Astronaut day: Wednesday 7th February 2024

Last Day of term: Friday 9th February 2024



If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch by speaking directly to us on the door at the end of the school day or on Class Dojo.

Many thanks,
The Year 1 Team

You can help by:

At the end of Year 1 children should know all of their Set 1, Set 2 and Set 3 phonics sounds.

Please practise these at home with your child regularly using the video links below or typing Set 1 and 2 or 3 RWI sounds into Youtube. If you need any support accessing this, please consult your child's class teacher.

Set 1 pure sounds - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6OiU2h3sUI>

Set 2 sounds- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p7hRbrpq5Bo>

Set 3 sounds- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2o2b7nL1jrg>

Listening to your child read and sharing stories with them is so important. Please ask questions about the book to check your child's understanding. The books taken home by the children are of a high quality so it's important to make the best use of them, as they have been carefully matched to the reading level.

Here is a useful list of the 100 high frequency words. Please help your child to read and spell as many of these words as possible: <https://www.highfrequencywords.org/hfw100fp.pdf>

Hit The Button is a fun game where children can practise number bonds, addition facts and times tables. It can be played on most devices. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>