



THERE'S NO FULL STOP TO LEARNING

YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER - SPRING TERM 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to the start of a new term. I hope you all had an enjoyable break. We are all looking forward to continuing to support the children to grow and develop as independent learners. Here is what Year 1 will be focusing on this term. Our new topic is 'Investigating our local area'. Please see the attached curriculum wheel for information about what the children will be learning this term. **As part of the topic, the children will be going on short walks around the local area to visit local amenities, places of worship and conduct traffic surveys.** Nicola Curran will continue to cover the class on Thursday mornings to teach Music, Spanish and PSHCE.

Reading

In Year 1, children will continue to be heard reading at least twice a week; once with a teacher as part of their guided reading session and once with a teaching assistant. Please try to hear your child read on a daily basis and use their reading journals as a place to record their responses to the stories that they read to you or their thoughts on stories that you read to them. This can be a short 10 minute session but it will make a huge impact on their progress in literacy. When your child needs a new reading book please place their book bags in the Year 1 book box for Mrs Bugembe to collect and change. Every Friday the children will be encouraged to change their reading books if they haven't already done so during the week. If you are able to come in to listen to children read during the school day please come and let us know as we always appreciate the extra help.



P.E

P.E will continue to take place on Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure your child has a full P.E kit (including plimsolls or trainers) in school at all times as sometimes other activities will require them to wear their kit.



Home Learning

The family learning maths challenge will continue to go out every Friday. These challenges should be completed and returned to school by the following Wednesday. There will also be a topic-based project to complete around the theme of 'Investigating our local area'. This homework project gives the children a chance to practise and perfect skills that they are learning in the classroom and to further explore their class topic independently. Please encourage and support your children when completing their project. Show and Tell also takes place every Friday. This is a great opportunity for your child to practice their speaking and listening skills.

School Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform. Jumpers should be either purchased from the school office or plain grey with no hoods. Shoes should be dark and smart. Earrings should be small studs only. Please make sure that **ALL** school clothes and kit are clearly labelled to minimise loss. Don't forget to have a look in the Infant lost property box if anything is misplaced.

Class Twitter

Our class Twitter is a great way to keep up to date about all of the exciting learning that takes place during the school day. Please follow @mr_heming to keep up to date with all of the latest information. You can also follow @ReayPrimary for regular information on the events and learning taking place across the whole school community. Even if you don't have a personal Twitter account you will still be able to access both Twitter accounts by typing in the usernames into a Google search.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 31st January 2019 – Year 1 Class Assembly 10.30am

Friday 15th February 2019 – Reay Disco

Friday 15th February 2019 – Last day of term



Kind regards,
Steven Heming & Rose Bugembe