



THERE'S NO FULL STOP TO LEARNING

Year 1 Newsletter – Autumn Term 1 (2021 – 2022)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello and welcome back to school! I hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday. I am looking forward to teaching Year 1, having heard many great things about this class. I have some fun and exciting activities planned for the year, starting with our first topic 'Celebrating inspirational people'. This topic has a Black History focus and we will be learning about inspirational figures such as Mary Seacole and Marcus Rashford. Please see the attached curriculum wheel for information about what the children will be learning this term. I (Steven Heming) will be the main class teacher. Working alongside me in the classroom will be Rose Bugembe (Teaching assistant) and Vicky Edensor (Teaching assistant) on Thursdays. Veronika Andraskova will cover the class every Wednesday afternoon to teach Spanish and Music.

Reading

In Year 1, children will 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 writing and reading. When your child needs a new reading book please place their book inside their book bags in the Year 1 book box for Mrs Bugembe to 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 lessons will take place every Monday afternoon (indoor) and Friday morning (outdoor). Please could your child come to school dressed in their kit, which they will wear for the day. Please ensure your child has a full P.E kit (including plimsolls or trainers) on these days.



Home Learning

The **family learning maths challenge** will be given to the children every Friday. These challenges should be completed and returned to school by the following Friday or earlier if possible. Every Friday, the children will also be given a set of **spellings** that they need to learn at home for the week. We will have our informal spelling challenges in class on the following Friday. This will give the children the chance to learn and practise some of the key spelling patterns they need to be confident in by the time they leave Year 1. The children will also be given a **topic-based project** to complete around the theme of 'Celebrating inspirational people'. 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.

School Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform. If your child is wearing earrings please ensure that they are small studs only. Please make sure that **ALL** items of school uniform, PE kits and coats are clearly labelled to minimise loss and make it easier to locate if they become misplaced. Don't forget to have a look in the Infant lost property box if anything does go missing.

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 [@mr_heming](#) or [@ReayPrimary](#) into a Google search.



Year 1 Parent/Carers coffee morning

The parent/carers coffee morning will be on **Thursday 9th September 2019 at 8.55am** in the Studio. This gives you the opportunity to meet me, find out about what the children will be expected to learn by the end of the year, get some information about the Year 1 Phonics screen and ask any questions that you may have. Afterwards, there will also be a chance to have a cup of tea or coffee with the Senior Leadership Team. If you are unable to attend at this time and you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me and a suitable appointment can be made for another time. Throughout the year you are very welcome to arrange a meeting in person, via email or over the phone.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 9th September 2021 - Year 1 Parent/Carer coffee morning

Thursday 21st October 2021 - Parents/Carers meetings with the Teacher

Friday 22nd October 2021 – Last day of Term 1

Kind regards,
Steven Heming, Rose Bugembe & Vicky Edensor

