



THERE'S NO FULL STOP TO LEARNING

YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN TERM 1

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 'The Time Machine'. Please see the attached curriculum wheel for information about what the children will be learning this term. I (Steven Heming) will be teaching the class. Working alongside me in the classroom will be Rose Bugembe. Nicola Curran will cover the class on Thursday mornings to teach Music, Spanish and PSHCE.

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 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 take place every Tuesday (indoor) and Wednesday (outdoor) afternoon. 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

A family learning maths challenge will be sent home 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 'The Time Machine'. 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 PE 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.

Year 1 Parent Coffee Morning

The parent coffee morning meeting will be on **Monday 24th September 2018 at 9.15am** in the Infant Hall. This gives you the opportunity to see the classroom, hear about the expectations for Year 1 and ask any questions. 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 speak to me and a suitable appointment can be made. Throughout the year you are very welcome to arrange a meeting in person, via email or over the phone.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 24th September 2018 – Year 1 Parents Coffee Morning
Friday 28th September 2018 – Harvest assembly
Friday 12th October 2018 – Flu Vaccination
Thursday 18th October 2018 – Parent's Evening

Kind regards,
Steven Heming and Rose Bugembe

