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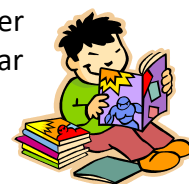
Year 1 Newsletter – Spring Term 1 (2023 – 2024)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to the start of a new term. I hope you all had an enjoyable break. Thank you so much for the generous Christmas cards and gifts. 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 'Exploring our local area'. Please see the attached curriculum map for information about what the children will be learning this term. **As part of the topic, every Monday the children will be going on short walks around the local area to visit local amenities, places of worship and conduct traffic surveys.** Please let me know if you are able to help. Jess Edwards will continue to cover the class every Wednesday afternoon to deliver exciting music and religious education lessons.

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. Finally, please continue to stay after drop off for our weekly reading morning sessions to stay and share a book with your child to start the day.



P.E

P.E lessons will take place every **Monday** afternoon (indoor gymnastics) and **Thursday** morning (outdoor) with coach Anthony Richards from Moving Matters. Please make sure that your child has the appropriate full P.E kit (including plimsolls or trainers) on both days.



Home Learning

The **family learning maths challenge** will continue to 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 'Exploring 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.

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 / X account

Our class Twitter/X account 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/X account you will still be able to access both Twitter/X accounts by typing in [@mr_heming](#) or [@ReayPrimary](#) into a Google search.

Dates for your diary



Friday 2nd February 2024 – Year 1 Class assembly 10.30am

Tuesday 6th February 2024 – Safer Internet Day

Friday 9th February 2024 – Last day of term

Kind regards,
Steven Heming and Rose Bugembe

