



# THERE'S NO FULL STOP TO LEARNING

## Year 1 Newsletter – Autumn Term 2 (2024)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new term! I hope you all had an enjoyable break. It was lovely to meet lots of you in person at the Parents/Carers evening at the end of the last term. 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 'Light and dark'. Please see the attached curriculum information sheet for further details about what the children will be learning this term. Jess Edwards will continue to cover the class every Wednesday morning to deliver exciting music and P.E. 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 daily 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.



**Changing reading book:** When your child needs a new reading book please remember to place their book inside 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. We will also continue to have our weekly reading mornings where you have the opportunity to stay and read with your child for the first 20 minutes of the school day. **This term reading morning will be every Wednesday at 8.45am-9.10am.**

### P.E

P.E lessons will continue to take place every **Wednesday** morning (indoor) and **Thursday** morning (outdoor) with coach Shaj from Moving Matters. Please make sure that your child has the appropriate full P.E kit (including plimsolls or trainers) on both days. As the weather continues to get colder, when we do P.E outside it would be preferable if the children wore tracksuit bottoms.

### Home Learning

The family learning maths challenge will continue please complete **one** activity each week and record you child's answers in the **Family Maths Scrapbook**. These challenges should be completed and returned to school by the following Friday or earlier if possible.

**Spellings:** 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.

**Topic-based project:** This terms project will be based on the theme of 'Light and dark'. 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.

### **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 [@JadeEA\\_Reay](#) 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.

### **Dates for your diary**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Flu vaccination  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Safer Schools App Launch  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Anxiety workshop for parents  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Reay Winter Fair  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Flu vaccination catch up  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Last day of term

Kind regards,  
Jade Edwards-Alvaranga and Rose Bugembe

