



Meet the Teacher

Mrs Patterson and Mrs Wingrove

Welcome to Year 1!

Here are a few reminders and some information about what to expect in Year 1.



Catch-up

As children return to school we recognise that most children will have missed a significant proportion of last year's learning. Please be reassured that we have a plan that we will share in the coming weeks, but at its core we will be identifying the gaps in the children's learning and teaching to those gaps. We will also be pro-active in supporting the children's mental health and well being.

Spellings

Once we've assessed the children's phonics knowledge, we'll be starting our daily phonics sessions and sending spellings home. Spellings will be tested on Fridays and new ones sent home. We'll begin weekly spellings tests in a few weeks time.



Reading



All children have been given two reading books. Every child has been given a new reading record and two new reading books. When you listen to your child read, please can you write a comment in the reading record. Please use a double page spread for each week.

Books will be changed every Friday and all books returned will be kept out of circulation for a few days as per guidance for COVID 19. Books on Bug Club are renewed automatically as soon as one book is completed so you should always have a choice of books to read.

Reading Challenge

If your child reads 3 times per week at home (either Bug Club books or normal books), then their name will go in the prize draw to win a prize from the prize shelf. Reading diaries are checked every Friday and a name is drawn Friday mornings. The challenge runs Friday to Friday.

Phonics

It would be really helpful if when you are reading with your child, you could go through the attached phase 3 and phase 5 flashcards with them. In June, Year 1 children throughout the country will do the Phonics Screening Test. There will be a meeting about this in the new year, but in the meantime it will be really beneficial if your child becomes confident recognising all of the phase 3 and 5 sounds quickly.



Water Bottles

Please make sure to send your child with a named water bottle every day. Please only put water in these bottles. Juice or squash can be sent for a lunchtime drink.

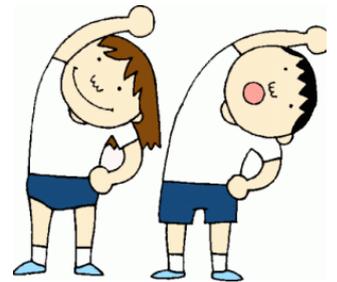


Name Writing

Please could you also practise name writing with your child. The attached name card shows where to start each letter to make sure formation is correct. Most children need to focus on writing their surname.

PE kits

Please send your child to school in their PE kits on Mondays and Thursdays. If it's cold weather please make sure their kit is weather appropriate (eg tracksuit and trainers). Please do not send PE kit to school as we are unable to have PE bags in the cloakroom due to guidance.



Thank you for your support. Mrs Wingrove, Mrs Patterson and Mrs Turner

