

Year One Newsletter Spring Term 2020

Happy New Year !

Yet again Year One have amazed us with their settled return to school after the Christmas Break.

Thank you for your continued support. Any queries or problems, please do not hesitate to speak to us at drop off or collection. If you would prefer a longer chat please contact the office and we will arrange a convenient time to meet.

Areas of Learning

The theme for our learning this term is 'Into the Woods'. In **English** we will be reading a range of stories set in forests including Hansel and Gretel, Rumpelstiltskin and Goldilocks.

In **Art and DT**, Ms Newell will be introducing the children to art using natural materials, focussing on the work of Andy Goldsworthy among others.

In **Science** as well as learning about the many plants and animals that can be found in forests, we will be learning about the weather and the seasons.

In **Maths** we will continue to use a variety of methods to develop mastery skills, in addition and subtraction, and practice using mathematical vocabulary to explain our thinking. We will be introducing an online maths program, 'Mathletics' to support the teaching and learning that takes place at school.

Phonics As some of you may be aware all Year One children in England are screened for phonics towards the end of the year. We will continue our daily phonics sessions as usual this term with a stronger focus on the national screening in the Summer Term. More details to follow.

Reading

There are lots of opportunities to read in Year One and we expect children to read daily with an adult at home.

This could be:

- Your child's school reader
- Class library book
- Bug Club book
- A book of their own

Please make sure that reading at home is recorded in the yellow reading diary. School reading book and diary should be returned to school **EVERY** day for our records.

CLASS LIBRARY will be open every Friday from 8.30 – 8.45 with a range of books to support our topic work.

Homework

Homework will be handed out on a Thursday. Homework should be completed and returned by Wednesday each week.

Visits

As the weather hopefully improves we will be arranging further visits, to Plessey Woods and a local garden centre.

Please return any consent slips for visits promptly to assist with the arrangements.

Remember

- **PE kits** – PE kits should be in school EVERY DAY.
- No earrings/ jewellery or nail varnish to be worn at school please.
- Children must be collected at 3.15 by a named adult. Please ensure these details are updated via the school office.
- Our school attendance target is 96%.
- If your child is feeling unwell please telephone the school office before 9am.