

To Prime Parents of: 

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Year 1 Class Newsletter— Autumn Term 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you have all had a lovely Summer and that the children are raring and ready to get back to school. We are prepared and excited to have them back and looking forward to welcoming them into Year 1. We have a new teaching assistant to welcome, Mrs Evans, and Mrs Ince will continue to support the class. We will be holding our year 1 welcome meeting in the year 1 classroom on Monday 11th September at 3.00-3.30pm, we look forward to seeing as many of you who can make it.

Year 1 is a slightly different day than Reception. The morning consists of Phonics, English, Maths lessons and guided reading, followed by mini maths and two lessons after lunch.

We will begin our English sequence for this term learning about Dolly Parton. This forms part of a whole-school focus on 'Inspirational People'. We will then move on to Oi Frog! followed by The Train Ride before the half term break. After half term we will be focusing on a non-fiction text about Knights before finishing the term with the text Daisy Doodles.

In Maths, there will be a heavy focus on number bonds to 10, adding and subtracting numbers within 10 and also looking at simple properties of shapes. Any counting or using numbers in context reinforces what the children are beginning to understand. Counting steps, eggs, trees, lamp posts anything to encourage language of number and correspondence to what that number means is fantastic. Looking at numbers around the house, on clocks, weight, numbers in packets anything where the children can be encouraged to look at numbers and count without them thinking they are learning!

We will continue with Little Wandle phonics, building on from their learning in reception. Specific spelling words of the week will be emailed home on Mondays for you to work on at home. These won't be formally tested on in school, we hope to see the children using them within their independent writing. Guided reading takes place twice a week, beginning with decoding, moving on to prosody (expression) and comprehension. Books will be available to read on line as they were during reception, please see attached letter to explain how to access this. Once a week, a book will be sent home weekly which is a similar level to what your child is reading in guided reading and they will also be encouraged to pick a 'love of reading book' from the class book corner. This can be read to them, they can read it to you or just enjoy the pictures.

In the wider curriculum, this half term, Year 1 will have Science, Geography, Art, Computing, PE, RE and PSHE. The details of the sequences can be found on the class page of our website. The subject overviews contain the learning objectives, key vocabulary, prior learning and where this sequence fits in the children's journey through the subject. These overviews will also feature at the start of the sequence in the children's books and files. They will be familiar with the information that they contain and would provide a useful prompt for conversations at home.

The children will have two PE slots each week, on Monday afternoon and Thursday lunchtimes. On the days, they may come to school in their PE kits – a white t-shirt, black or navy track suit trousers, leggings or shorts and trainers. This is also the case should you sign your child up to any of the sports after-school clubs. Children should bring a named water bottle and book bag containing their reading record and message book to school. We do not have space to accommodate rucksacks and if brought to school they will be stored outside.

Please look out for the cake stall date! We ask for you to have a go at baking some cakes, biscuits or sweet treats and send them in, for all to buy - it provides valuable funds towards our class trips.

It has come to our attention that more and more children have access to the internet independently at home. There has been a particular increase in children watching YouTube. Without supervision, it is possible to view very inappropriate content on this site. Please refer to the new Safety pages on our website should you require support or guidance with this matter. There is a copy of our safe usage policy as well as a sheet for parents with lots of useful information on it.

If you have any questions about anything regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please email admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk and we will try to get a reply within 48 hours.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Rowcliffe and Mrs Keast



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