

Year One Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers.

Welcome to Year One. I am really looking forward to the next academic year. I know that the children all had a brilliant start in Reception and are coming in ready to tackle the Year One curriculum. This year is a challenging one in many respects. The expectations for how much they sit down and work at tasks increases but we try very hard to make this as exciting and practical as possible

Learning Challenge Curriculum

Our topic this term is Would you rather live in England or Africa?

The children will be asked the following questions:

- What are the names of the 7 continents and 5 oceans?
- Why are some countries hot and some countries cold?
- Can you create some art work to show what you have learnt?



English

We will focus on *Cops and Robbers* by Janet and Allen Ahlberg and the film *Madagascar*. The children will start to make predictions about a text and retrieve the main events and characters in stories. The children will start to use capital letters and full stops to write sentences. The main focus however will be working more independently and using the classroom resources to support them.

Maths

We will focus on place value of numbers up to 20 and this will include many opportunities for problem solving and reasoning. We will then work on addition and subtraction.

Science

Our science work this term will focus on the human body and identify the main parts of it. We will also look at seasonal change and look for signs of autumn.

Book Exchange

All children have a school reading book. These will be changed on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays** each week.

P.E.

Our P.E. days are **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. On Wednesdays children will be sent home in their PE kit to cut down on changing time allowing for a longer PE session. Please make sure that your child has their P.E. kit in school on those days. Please can you make sure that all P.E. kit is named. Occasionally the children muddle up their clothes and it can be difficult to find the correct owner if the kit is not named. All of our sessions will be carried out indoors this half term. Please can you make sure that all girls have a pair of socks in their PE bag for when they wear tights to school.

Homework

Homework will consist of a set of spellings and a maths task. It will be given out every Friday and the home learning books should be returned by **WEDNESDAY** the following week.

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day. This will be sent home at the end of the day to be brought back in filled up for the next day.

Contacting school

Over the course of the year there may be times when you have queries and concerns about your child. I realise that it can be difficult to discuss these during drop off/pick up times especially for working parents. If you have any concerns or changes to routine please email these to the office and they will be sent to me. If you wish to make an appointment at any time to see me, please use the school office to make this.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Lambert

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 26th September: Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Thursday 3rd October: Individual school photographs

Monday 7th October: Flu Immunisations

Tuesday 22nd October: Open classroom (time TBC)

Thursday 24th October: Harvest Festival (time TBC)