

# MEERSBROOK BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Year One Autumn 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a fantastic half term holiday. We have some exciting things to look forward to this half term. Please find below some important information about learning and routines in Y1.

### Topics and themes

This half-term our topic theme is: 'Enchanted Woodland. Please see attached curriculum overview for more details.

### The School Day

With your child's growing independence, you may like to choose to leave your child in the cloakroom and for them to independently come to class on their own. For those children who are not yet ready for this, please feel free to continue to bring them to class. This is an important gradual step as after the Christmas holidays we will be asking for all children to be left after hanging up their coats. Mrs DeMarco will be around for the first few days with a little encouragement.

### Water bottles

There are several children who do not regularly bring a water bottle to school. Please can you provide them with a labelled bottle so they can access water throughout the day.

### PE kit

Please make sure your child has their full PE kit on these days. Unless your child can tie their own shoe laces, please can they continue to wear PE pumps or velco shoes for PE... you can imagine how long it takes to tie 15 plus laces before PE! (This applies to school shoes too!)

### Reading challenge in Year 1

Thank you and well done to those children who have already received their prize for completing their bookmark! This regular reading really does have a big impact on their reading progress and we are starting to see this in practise! Please be aware that staff spend a lot of time checking the books and buying the prizes for this initiative, so please keep the book marks safe.

### Library

Library day this year is Wednesday. Please make sure your child brings their book back each Wednesday so it can be changed. Lost books will have to be paid for at the school office.

### Proud Wall

We are very keen to celebrate children's successes outside of school. We have a 'Proud Wall' in the class where we love to display achievements such as certificates, awards, badges for scouts, swimming, dancing etc. if your child has something they would like to display on the wall please send it with them to school and we can either photocopy or take a photograph to showcase it on our wall of fame!

### Homework

Thank you for the hard work in homework last half term. Children will continue to receive a piece of homework each week. This will be given in the form of a half termly planner again. Homework is to be handed in to be marked on Mondays, and books will be given back out on Wednesdays. Please can all writing be done in pencil. Homework Star of the Week is celebrated outside Mrs Edwards office.

### Sickness

Please can we just highlight that if your child has had sickness or diarrhoea they must not attend school for 48 hours. This makes sure that bugs and illnesses don't spread, and we all have a better chance at avoiding illness.

### Twitter

We will put reminders, notices and photos on Twitter from time to time as another source of communication. Please follow @MeersbrookY1 as soon as possible if you haven't already. Please let us know if you don't wish your child's photo to be shared on Twitter.

Please remember that toys are not allowed to be brought into school. However, if the children have books, interest items, photos etc that they would like to share with the class based on the topic this half term we would love to see them.

Please feel free to come and chat to the team about any of the above, or if you have any other questions don't hesitate to ask (we usually have much more time to chat after school than in the mornings!).

Nativity: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December & Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9.15 am

Christmas Party: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Finish for Christmas Holidays: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

First day back: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020

Thank you for your continued support,  
Miss Collins & Mrs Crawshaw