

15th September 2016

Dear Parents,

We have made a great start to the new school year in Year 1. The children returned to school with enthusiasm and we have enjoyed a time of getting to know each other and exploring the new classroom and routines. Below are some helpful hints and information for you as parents and carers to help support your child's learning. Please don't hesitate to pop into school and see either myself or Mrs Colby if you have any questions.



Topic

Our whole school topic this term is 'Diary of a Time Traveller' and in Year 1 we will be looking at this with a focus on The Great Fire of London and Florence Nightingale. We will be linking in our art, history, science and design and technology work into this exciting theme.

Please encourage your children to explore the topic at home through the use of books, pictures, models and supervised use of the internet.

P.E.

P.E. days are Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday.

PLEASE make sure children have clearly labelled PE kit in school.



Homework / Reading



Homework will begin after October half term, but please continue to read as much as possible with your children.

Books will be changed on Monday and Friday. If your child finishes their book in between these days please feel free to read any books from home or the library with them.

Out and About



In Year 1 we love to get out into the local community as much as possible and we plan at least one local outing each long term. This term we have been lucky enough to obtain free tickets to see the film *Alvin and The Chipmunks – The Road Chip* at Salisbury Odeon on 15th November at 10.00. We need three parent volunteers to come with us so please let me know if you are free to join us.

We are also planning trips into town to look at the old Tudor buildings and a visit to the local Fire Station as part of our topic research.

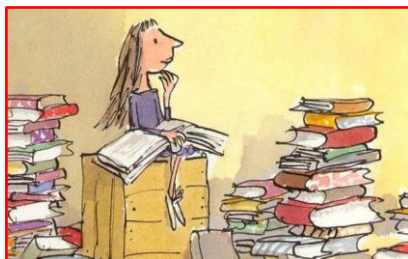
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Something that I feel very strongly about is teaching the children the basics of baking and cooking and in order to do this regularly we need some willing volunteers to help out with cooking sessions. Again let me know and I will book you in for a session this term.

Along with Year 2 we have invited a team from Reeves bakery to come to school to teach us about bread making.

Our Mystery Reader sessions are very popular with the children and I would like to invite you to sign up for a session to come and share your favourite story with the class, I will put up a sheet on the classroom window.



I would like to run a phonics workshop this term, please let me know if you would be interested in attending an evening session by filling in the attached slip.

Thank you for your continued support and interest in your child's learning.

Yours Faithfully

Deborah Gregory

Year 1 Class Teacher



Year 1 phonics workshop:

I am interested in attending a phonics workshop later this term.

My preferred day would be

My preferred time would be

Signed: