

School Visits and Activities

During the coming year a number of visits and activities are planned. These will supplement the Year 1 curriculum. It is essential that permission slips are returned promptly to the teacher and that any money is paid in advance. All classes take part in at least one visit per year. Visits to local schools for sporting and community events are also organised. Some visits may require a voluntary parental contribution. Where possible these visits are subsidised in order to reduce the burden on parents. However, if insufficient contributions are received we reserve the right to cancel the event.

Dinosaur Workshop – To support our learning about Dinosaurs in the first part of the Autumn Term, we are currently planning a visit from some dinosaur experts.

Toys from the Past Workshop – This workshop gives the children the opportunity to compare toys from the past with the toys that we have access to today.

Gruffalo Trail – In the Summer Term we will be learning all about the work of Julia Donaldson. As part of this, we are considering a visit to the Gruffalo Trail in Brentwood.

Letters forms and monies

Absence notes, permission slips and money can be placed in the box by the office or the children can put them in the class box during registration. These should come in a

named envelope with the purpose and amount clearly marked. All absences must be accompanied by a note, even if we have already been notified in person or by telephone. Please send absence notes in on the first day back at school. An absence form is available from the office if you prefer.

Holiday tasks

The summer holiday should be a time of relaxation and fun – however some children find it extremely difficult to settle back into a school routine and this means their learning and that of their peers can be disrupted. We suggest that you still find time for regular reading and keep practising those all-important number bonds!

Don't forget you can enjoy some additional learning through Bug Club and Mathletics!

For those who would like to do a little extra, we will be supplying A4 envelopes for the children to take home, decorate as they wish and fill with memories from the summer holidays. This will support our work in the first week back and is optional.

Any Questions

If you have any questions please feel free to discuss these with me.

We look forward to working with you next year.

Miss A O'Sullivan – Class Teacher
Mrs A Jordan – TA



Welcome to Year 1

Information for pupils and parents

Welcome to Year 1!

We are extremely excited to welcome you and your children to this important year. Year 1 is the first year out of the EYFS and the children will learn a great deal about being independent and taking responsibility for their own learning. Parents are encouraged to involve their children through talking regularly about their learning and ensuring that they come to school prepared with their homework and P.E. kits on the correct day.

Responsibilities

The children are responsible for keeping the classroom tidy; putting away learning resources and equipment.

How you can help

Equipment they need:

Please provide your child with the following NAMED items:

- A water bottle with sports cap (plain water only)
- A bag for carrying books to and from school which must be brought in every day. Along with their home school link books, reading books, learning logs (On Tuesdays from January) and spelling books.
- A PE bag

In Year 1, all writing equipment is provided by the school.

NAMED P.E. kit:

- School PE shirt and **black** shorts with **black** tracksuit bottoms for colder weather. (Girls may wear black leggings or tracksuit bottoms for modesty throughout the year.)
- Indoor black trainers for indoor games
- Trainers for outdoor games

At no time should any earrings other than simple studs be worn in school; hooped or dangly earrings are unsafe in the school environment.

For your own convenience, PE kit should be brought in at the beginning of term and taken home **only** at half term and the end of term.

Supporting your child's learning at home

Every day:

Please listen to your child read.

Help them prepare for the following day:

- reading book
- reading record
- any letters

Check their bag for letters and their home school link books for any messages.

Get them to school by 8.50am.

Every week:

Help them to learn their spellings and phonics; then practise using these in oral sentences.

Also encourage the children to practise their number bonds and understanding of numbers (e.g. by playing *which is bigger?*) Encourage them to discuss their activities at school.

Spellings will be handed out on Mondays and need to be returned on Fridays.

In Year 1, we start homework after the Christmas Holidays (more information to follow).

Homework will be handed out on Thursdays and must be handed in on the following Tuesday.

Homework that is not returned on this day **may not be able to be marked**. If your child is unable to complete their homework due to illness or other social commitments then please write a note in your child's HSLB explaining this. If your child is unable to complete their learning log at home then there is also learning Log club after school on a Thursday evening.