

MEERSBROOK BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

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Year One Spring 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely Christmas and Happy New Year! We have a very busy and exciting half term ahead of us so below are some important items.

Topics and themes

This half-term our topic theme is:

'Big Lights, Big City' where we will be learning all about London, its buildings, the royal family, capital cities in Great Britain, the great fire of London and much more

Please see attached curriculum overview for more details.

PE kit

Just a note that our PE days are Mondays and Wednesdays so please make sure your child has their full PE kit on these days. It is really helpful if their PE clothes are checked regularly as things can magically disappear! Please can you check that your child's footwear fits comfortably – there is a number of children each week without suitable shoes for PE and this can limit our activities.

Independent reading books

The children are all making good progress in reading. They will be assessed next week so please make sure their reading records are in their book bag each day. We hope they are enjoying the reading challenge, please continue to record their 3 reads!

Transition to more independence

The majority of children are doing really well at coming up to the classroom on their own. Please continue to encourage this. Please see this as a positive step in your child's growing independence, and also slowly preparing them for the transition to Year 2 expectations.

Spellings

We will be placing some weekly spellings for children to practise at home. They will be placed in a plastic wallet each week on Fridays and will consist of the sounds we will have covered in class. It is a great way of reinforcing the sound patterns that have been taught and in turn improve confidence and skills in reading and writing.

1) Read the word to your child 2) let them have a go at writing it 3) demonstrate the the correct spelling
4) re-write 5) revisit later- check for improved accuracy. There will be a small informal test each week to monitor progress and gaps for next step teaching.

Time keeping

Please accept this gentle reminder about dropping off and picking your children up on time each day. It is important that your child has the best start to the day they possibly can and joining a lesson late can cause lots of disruption not only to your child's learning but also to the rest of the class. It is also important to make sure you are at school by 3.20pm to collect your child from the playground and if for any special circumstances you are late, please notify the school office. This also applies to child minders and after school carers – please pass this message on accordingly.

Can we take this opportunity to say thank you for all your support last half term. The support and involvement from parents in a small school is so vital, and it is your help, contributions and support with events etc. that allows the children a much richer education.

Many thanks for your continued support
Miss Collins and Mrs Johnson

