



## Welcome to Year 1!

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a great half term. We would like to say a big thank you for helping us promote independence in the mornings, the children have settled into their routines extremely well.

### Reading

It is still important that you listen to your child read regularly. In Year 1 we work on comprehension skills, this means making sure the child has understood what they have read and be able to talk about it. Please encourage your child to read a variety of book, not just their school book.

We will still be checking each Friday. We will count how many **days** you have read with your child (**we count 1 read per day**).

Gold: 42 reads, Silver: 35, Bronze: 25

Well done to those children who have already reached Bronze or Silver Keep up the good reading everyone. Happy reading.



### Family SPAG

Please come and join us for SPAG activities.  
(**S**pelling **P**unctuation **A**nd **G**rammar)

Thursday 2:45pm-3:05pm

They will start on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November and the last session for this half term will be on 1<sup>st</sup> December.

#### How the session works:

The children are working on activities as pairs in groups. You are invited to join your child to support them with tasks but please also be prepared to help the other children around you.

Please arrive via the office and the class teacher will let you into class when they have the children seated at the tables. We will ask you to sign a register so we know who has attended. A bell will be rung to show the end of the session. When this happens we would appreciate if you could leave via the outside classroom door so we can get the children ready for the end of the school day promptly.

## This Half Term

This half term our **creative curriculum** theme is called '**Festivals and Celebrations**'.

We will be learning about Bonfire night, Diwali, Remembrance Sunday, Hanukah, Christmas around the world. Topic webs will be available on school website.

**Homework:** In your child's homework book you will see a new bingo square with different activities on. Your child needs to complete at least one activity per week. This is due in on Wednesday and we will return the books on Friday.



Dates For The diary

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November-** Autumn walk to the woods at the end of the road. Please make sure your child has a coat, waterproof and sensible shoes or wellies if it is wet or has been wet.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November-** Children In Need (theme for dressing up is Superheroes)

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December-** Christingle at St. Johns The Baptist. Please make sure the children have sensible walking shoes and a coat.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December-** Year 1 Christmas play dress rehearsal at 9.30 am

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December-** Year 1's Christmas play performance at 2.15pm

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December-** Theatre trip to see Julia Donaldson's Stickman

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December-** Christmas dinner.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December-** Christmas party (please bring party clothes in a named bag).

Parent helpers

If anybody would like to volunteer to help within the class or garden please see your child's teacher.

To be able to volunteer you will need to have an up to date DBS check-please see office for further details, this includes any school trips.

This term we will need helpers with our theatre visit on 7<sup>th</sup> December and Christingle visit on 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Key Words in writing

**Adjective-** describing word

**Conjunction-** and, because, but so etc to join and extend sentences.

**Noun-** object

**Verb-** action/ doing word

**Imperative verb-** 'bossy word' instructional word e.g. put, cut, bake, take, get etc.

**Time connective-** used to tell the reader when something is happening, e.g. straight away, suddenly, after a while, just then, soon after, eventually etc.

**Prefix-** letters added to beginning of a word to change its meaning. e.g. happy unhappy

**Suffixes-** letters added to the end of a word. e.g. ing, ed, er, est

Reminders



Please ensure a **named PE kit** is in school for the beginning of the term and that all jewellery is removed on Mon/Fridays and girls have their hair tied up. Please can you have the normal t-shirt and shorts for their P.E kit **as well** as jogging bottoms and a jumper.

As you know the weather at this time of year can be very changeable therefore please can you ensure your child has a **named** waterproof coat at school **every day**. We do go out to play rain or shine and we are building more outdoor learning opportunities into our curriculum.

We have had quite a few cardigans and jumpers go missing, please ensure they are clearly labelled with your child's name.



# Year 1's Newsletter

