



Year One Newsletter



Spring Two Edition

Home Reading and Spellings



Reading together is really important. Please remember we expect children to read their reading books every night and please make sure you sign your child's diary so we know this has happened otherwise your child's book will not be changed. You must make sure that your child brings their book bag including their reading books and diary **every day**.



All children bring home their weekly spellings each Friday. Please make sure that you help your child to practice them as this will help them with their writing. Our spellings are all linked to our phonics and tricky word learning so please make sure you support this at home.

Dates for the diary

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day all children to dress up as their favourite character from a book.

Tuesday 12th March - Phonics meeting for parents in the hall 2.45pm

Friday 15th March - Comic Relief

Tuesday 19th March - Portals to the Past Workshop in School - Dinosaurs and Fossils

Thursday 28th March

-Fir Class Assembly at 2.30pm

Wednesday 3rd April - Autism Awareness Day

Tuesday 9th April - Parent Workshop - Easter!

Wednesday 10th April

Open Afternoon 3.10 pm - 5 pm

Thursday 11th April —Easter Service at 2.30pm

Friday 12th April— Last day of term.



Attendance Matters
...every school day counts!

Attendance

Good attendance is 96%.

Fir Class attendance to the end of Spring 1 was **92%**.

Maple Class attendance to the end of Spring 1 was **95%**.

If your child is absent they miss out on lots of exciting learning opportunities and disadvantages your child's learning and can affect their ability to sustain friendships. Lateness disrupts your child's learning and other children's learning too.

Please help your child to get the most out of their education by bringing them to school every day, on time.

Fun Triton



Fun-Triton is a programme that promotes and supports children and families making healthy lifestyle choices. Every Friday afternoon for 12 weeks the Year 1 children will have fun learning the main principles of keeping healthy – eating well, drinking well, moving well and sleeping well.



Homework

Thank you to all parents who regularly support their children to complete tasks from the homework menu. In feedback forms from Open Afternoon a couple of parents said that they felt the homework was too challenging for their child. Year 1 teachers have discussed this and would like to assure parents that the activities on the Homework Menu are appropriate for all Year 1 children to complete at a level that is appropriate to them. We are looking for your child to complete a minimum of 6 pieces of homework for which they will receive one of our homework certificates.

Please speak with your child's class teacher if you would like some ideas of ways to support your child with the activities that they have chosen.



Dinosaurs



Our topic this term is Dinosaurs. The children will be learning about dinosaurs through non fiction texts. This topic will have a focus on history and the children will learn about the past by asking questions and using artefacts. We are very excited that we have a dinosaur workshop for the children in school as part of our topic where the children will have the opportunity to handle fossils and real dinosaur bones.

In English children will continue to develop their handwriting skills. They will also be learning to use punctuation such as question marks and exclamation marks. They will also be taught suffixes and prefixes such as un, ing, er and est and the spelling rules for adding these to words.

Within phonics the children are continuing to learn the Phase 5 phonemes and digraphs. The children will be learning alternative digraphs for the same sound. For example: ay, a-e, ai. We will also be learning to read and spell the common exception words for Year One. We will be sending copies of these home so that you can help your child in spelling these words correctly.



In Maths the children will be learning about measure. This will involve weight, capacity, length and time. In addition to this the children will be learning to count numbers to 100 and beyond. This will involve counting forwards and backwards from any given number, comparing numbers, understanding the place value of numbers and being able to write numbers.

