

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Year 1! We hope you had a relaxing break.

Below are the topics that we will be studying in term 4. Please talk with your child about what they will be learning. If you are able to you could visit the library or use the Internet together to do any extra research. Please bring any findings or creations into school to share with us - we love extra learning!

Subject	Term 4
Literacy	The children will have daily Read Write Inc sessions to secure their understanding of phonics and spelling and develop their reading skills. When writing, we will be looking at understanding full stops, capital letters, basic connectives (and, but, because) and describing words. We will be retelling stories, writing fact files, describing & sorting animals, writing poems and developing longer sentences. We will also be looking at word endings 'ed', 'ing' and 's'.
Numeracy	Length & height, Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, Place value, doubles, multiplication & division, Fractions.
Science	Seasonal change and animals.
ICT	E-safety - using the internet safely. Beebots Interactive games
Topic	Ourselves and animals
R.E.	Judaism & Christianity (The Easter story)
P.S.H.E.	Daring to be different - celebrating differences
P.E	"Real PE" (development of physical skills)
Music	Weekly singing with Mrs Clifton

Future dates for your diary

Wednesday 28th February - Parents Evening

Thursday 1st March - Parents Evening

PE

Children will need a PE kit in school every day. The kit should include a change of t-shirt and shorts and plimsolls. Long hair must be tied back with a hair band. Please can you provide a note if your child is unable to take part in PE.

PE Days

PE hall days are currently Tuesday (Sapphire) and Thursday (Topaz and Garnet) but our PE days may change if the hall is needed for other events.

Uniform

Children should be wearing black shoes. We would also like to remind you that large colourful bows are not part of the school uniform and therefore should not be worn. Nail varnish should also be removed.

Homework

The children should try to read on a daily basis for a short amount of time. Please sign in their reading record book when they have read. This can include any reading books from home as well as school books. School reading books will be changed, if read, on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It is important that your child reads on a regular basis and brings their book bag daily.

The children have additional reading activities set to complete at home on Bug Club (www.bugclub.co.uk). They can also use Mathletics for additional maths activities (<http://www.mathletics.co.uk/>). Year 1 will also have a termly project to complete; a letter will follow with more information.

The children continue to impress us with their enthusiasm for our topic based learning. We are impressed with the progress they are making and how their independence and confidence is growing.

If you have any questions or worries, please do not hesitate to use the contact book or we can make an appointment for you to come in and see us.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

The Year One Team