



Year One Newsletter

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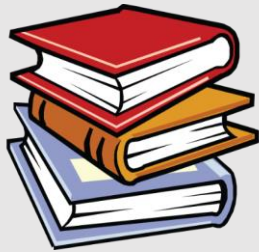
Autumn Term One; 2021-2022



Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope everyone had a lovely summer holiday. You will be happy to know that the children are beginning to settle in to the different routines and lesson structure we have in Year One. I am really pleased with how sensibly the children are coming into the classroom by themselves. We have a white-board outside the Y1 classroom to write down any **different** home time arrangements or information that needs to be noted. Please let the member of staff on the door know of these when you drop your child off in the morning.

Topic This half term our topic is called 'On the Ocean Waves.' Please see the curriculum map attached, showing a breakdown of the work we will be doing.



Reading All children will be heard read each day during their 'Read Write Inc.' session. In addition, an adult in school will hear each child read their reading book at least once a week. If your child has finished their book at home and would like to change it for a new one, they must hand their book in first thing in the morning. Please could you make a note of the pages you have heard your child read in their reading record each time they read at home.

Library Books Your child will get a library book to bring home on Friday's. Please ensure your child brings their library book back to school every Friday to change it. They will not be allowed to take a new library book home until their old one has been returned to school.

Homework Homework is set each Friday through Teams. Children should choose one literacy and one numeracy challenge from the termly homework menu to complete each week. If your child would like an extra challenge, they can choose one of the cross curricular activities to do each week as well. Homework should be photographed and uploaded into the weekly assignment on Teams by 6pm on Thursday. At 6pm, the assignment will close so I have time to check it and give feedback before the new homework is set on Friday. I will send a book home for your child to complete their homework in. Please keep this book at home and not in their bookbags as marking and feedback will be given through Teams. Some of the homework challenges may have a picture prompt or accompanying sheet to complete. These will be available to access on a separate document within the assignment.

As the term progresses, I will also be setting a Athletics homework for your child to complete each week. I will stick your child's individual login and password details in the front of their Reading Record. I will send out a text to let you know when this starts.

Please ensure you listen to your child read every night. This should take priority over any other homework! The more reading practise your child gets, the more confident in reading they will become.

Toys Please do not allow your child to bring any toys or personal items into school.

Pencil Cases Children are allowed to bring a small pencil case into school if they wish to do so.

Book Bags Children should bring bookbags not rucksacks into school. Coat peg space is limited so bookbags are stored in drawers. Unfortunately rucksacks do not fit in drawers!

Phonics Year One will continue with 'Read, Write, Inc.' Your child will be in a phonics group specifically aimed at their stage of phonic and reading understanding.

P.E This term, PE sessions will be on Monday and Friday. Please note earrings are not allowed to be worn during PE sessions so it would be helpful if your child's earrings are removed on PE days. Health and safety states we aren't allowed to remove earrings or put them back in for the children. The children will participate in the 'Daily Mile' every Tuesday and Thursday morning (weather permitting) at 8.45am. Please remember your child will need to wear their PE kit on PE days.

The children will also be completing Forest School's activities each Wednesday morning with Mrs. Fisher in the woodland area. Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat and wellies on Forest School's days as they will be going out regardless of the weather. It may also be a good idea to put a change of trousers in their bookbag in case they slip in the mud or get wet.

Staffing Arrangements

Mrs. Hadfield and Mrs. Ratcliffe will both be based in the Y1 classroom every morning. Mrs. Hadfield will be teaching the class on Monday afternoon and will also be taking some of the children to the Rainbow room three afternoons each week.

Uniform and water bottles As it is the beginning of a new school year and children have new pieces of school uniform, it would be extremely helpful if all items are clearly labelled with your child's name. This makes it much easier to find items which have been misplaced. Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school which has their name clearly written on it. I will send water bottles home each Friday afternoon so they can be thoroughly cleaned.

If you have any concerns or questions, please email me cadams@newmills-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk or wait to see me after school once all the children have been dismissed.

