

5th January, 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas. The children have loved coming into school and telling the adults about their presents!

Curriculum- This term, our topic is 'Our Wonderful World' and we will be learning through different stories including 'Hooray for Fish', 'Surprising Sharks' and 'Yucky Worms!' Our key question is 'What is special about our world?' and we will be learning about different seasons, different countries and how we can look after our planet and care for different environments.

In Maths, we will be focusing on comparing numbers to 5, looking at mass and capacity, comparing two amounts, making pairs and length and height. Year 1s will be looking at 3D shapes, addition and subtraction, place value within 50 and length and height.

In Phonics, we will be remembering all of our Phase 2 sounds from the autumn term and learning our Phase 3 sounds. We will be putting these new sounds into words. We will also be looking at how to form and write simple sentences.

Year 1s will be using conjunctions to making their sentences longer and using suffixes such as 'ed' and 'ing' on the end of words. They will also be continuing to learn their new phase 5 sounds.

Tapestry- We will be continuing to upload learning activities and your child's key learning moments on Tapestry. Please remember to look at this regularly to see what your child has been up to! We also love to share photos and WOW moments from home as a class, please do continue to post photos for your child to share.

Year 1 Homework- All Year 1 children should be accessing Seesaw. We will be continuing our Rainbow Spellings tasks this term so please look out for new spellings weekly to practise with your child. We will also continue to send number kit activities in their homework books. Over the next few weeks, we will send out phase 5 flashcards so your child can practise their new sounds at home as well as recapping their phase 2 and 3 sounds.

Reading- Many thanks to all the children who have brought their reading book and reading record to school every day. Please continue to bring them in daily and listen to your child read for at least 10 minutes. Guided reading groups will continue on Monday 9th January, new reading books will be sent home on Friday 13th January.

We have really enjoyed seeing lots of grown-ups at our family reading sessions on Friday mornings in the hall. We are continuing these this term, starting on Friday 13th January. We hope to see you there!

PE- lessons will start this half-term for Reception and will be on Mondays! These will begin on **Monday 16th January**. Please send your child to school in their correct PE kit which they will wear all school day. Year 1 PE days will continue to be on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

What to bring to school reminders:

Water Bottles- Please send your child into school with a named water bottle every day. Please note these should only contain **water**.

Appropriate clothing - Please make sure your child has a **coat** in school every day. If your child doesn't have a pair of wellie boots, please could these be brought to school so your child can access learning on the school field. Please make sure that all items of clothing are **named**.

If you have any questions or queries, please speak to me at the door at drop off or pick up or contact the school office. I am looking forward to another busy term with Ladybirds!

Kind Regards,

Mrs. MacLennan

