

Homework

Reading: The expectation for Year 1 children is that they need to read or be read to 4 times a week. This could be a bedtime story, talking about a known story, reading information/instructions together, reading a few pages of their school reading book etc. Please remember to record all of the great reading you are doing in their reading diary so that your child can be rewarded in school.

Spellings: In order to support the children's learning of phonics, weekly spellings will continue. We have reduced the number of spellings to accommodate the addition of Mathletics homework.

Mathletics: Each week the children will be set a short task to complete on Mathletics. We will set the task on a Tuesday and check the following Tuesday to see who has completed it. Please continue with the Maths whizz booklets for any 'Live Mathletics' practise as this will count towards the termly Maths

Absence: If your child is unwell and unable to attend school please inform the office by telephone or their class teacher in person, otherwise they will be marked down as an 'unauthorised absence'. Extended absence through illness, whilst sometimes unavoidable, can have a detrimental effect on your child's progress.

School Lunches: Please ensure you have booked meals by Thursday for the following week. Alternatively you can book for the whole term. This must be done via ParentPay (no payment will be required).

Literacy

Our Literacy work this term will be linked to our topic of 'Materials'. We will be looking at the traditional tale of The Three Little Pigs and non-fiction books about different homes around the world.

We will be continuing to use our phonics skills to support spelling. We will be developing our understanding of different types of punctuation, to include question marks and exclamation marks.

In term 4 we will be learning about rhyme and plural suffixes -s and -es.

Equipment

PE Kit:

Please ensure your child has the following items in school **EVERY** day:



- Trainers
- Black/dark blue jogging bottoms
- Black/dark blue shorts
- A white t-shirt or a King's Meadow Sports top
- Black/dark blue jumper
- Gloves for cold weather

Please send your child to school with a water bottle for the classroom, even if they have school dinners.

An art apron would also be useful to have in school.

Topic

During Term 3, we will be learning about 'Materials'. We will be comparing and identifying everyday materials, labelling parts of a home and recognising different types of home.

Our Term 4 Topic is 'Animals including Dinosaurs'. We will be naming and grouping different animals. We also hope to go on an exciting visit to the Natural History Museum in Oxford (tbc).

Can you help?

We need help listening to the children read 1:1 in school. If you could spare any time in the afternoon to come and read with the children, we would be most grateful.

We will be making 'bug hotels'. If you have any of the following spare to donate we would be very grateful:

- Bricks – in particular those with holes.
- Canes
- Willow
- Pine cones
- Seed pods
- Broken terracotta
- Stones/pebbles
- Sticks
- Piping/tubing

Thank you!!!!

Dates for the Diary

January

4th	Back to school
11th	Maths Whizz Bowling Reward (1:30pm)
19th	PTA Film Night

February

2nd	PTA Valentines Disco
9th	Online Safety Parent Information Evening (7:00pm)
12th	Half term starts
19th	Term 4 starts

March

1st	World Book Day (Book Fair this week)
9th	PTA Quiz Night
23rd	Sport Relief
29th	Easter Tea Shop and Egg Raffle
30th	Good Friday (bank holiday) Easter Holidays start

April

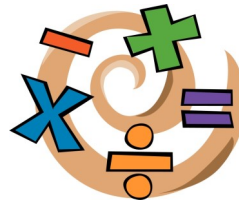
16th	Term 5 starts
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Maths

In Term 3 We will be focussing on developing the children's understanding of place value within addition and subtraction and measuring space.

In Term 4 we will be exploring fractions, mathematical movement (position and direction) and money.

Please see 'Homework' section for information on Mathematics.



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