

Classroom Organisation Sheet Year 1 Autumn Term 2024 Mrs Cowley

Staff- Mrs Cowley, Mrs Guest (TA).

Book Changes- Monday- Owen house; Tuesday- Higgs house; Wednesday- Davenport house;
Thursday- Wright house.

PE/ Games- Wear kit to school on Tuesday (no change of clothes needed);

Bring PE kit in a bag on Thursday (starting Thursday 5th September).

Forest School- bring Forest School clothes in a bag ready for Monday afternoon. Mr Deeley will be teaching the children Forest School and Computing on a Monday afternoon.

Library books- Changed each Friday- please ensure that library books are returned each Friday.

PSHE books- Your child should bring in an empty, special A5 notebook of their choice that will be used as their PSHE reflective journal, please ensure that this is clearly named.

Please help your child to cover their spelling and maths homework books in order to protect them and keep them smart, their name will still need to be clearly displayed on the front of the books.

Ways to support your child's learning at home:

Your child needs their reading record and all reading books with them each day (please keep them in the plastic wallet provided, or one of your own, to allow your child to place it into the house group book basket each day). Please hear your child read daily (and help them to return their reading books and record book to the plastic wallet). Help your child to practice reciting the seasons of the year, months of the year and days of the week; as well as counting for real purposes and locating/ reading numbers when out and about in the local environment.

Your child needs a filled water bottle every day!

In addition, please:

- **Make sure your child knows where they are going at the end of the day**
- **Inform the school office before 9.00am if your child will be absent from school**
- **Discuss Picture News at home**
- **Be punctual dropping off and picking up**

Dates for your diary:

Parents Evenings- Monday 14th and 21st October 3.30- 5.30.

Year 1 and 2 Harvest Assembly Thursday 10th October 9am.

Year 1 Wright Assembly- Thursday 14th November, 9am.

Year 1 and 2 Christmas Concert- Monday 9th December 9.15am and 2.15pm.

Homework

Homework will include:

Spellings:

Phonemes, decodable and tricky words. Please help your child to 'look, say, cover, write, check' each word to ensure they can recall the spelling. They should also select one of the practical activities from the menu at the front of their book- you can simply date that they have done these, or include photos in their spelling homework book.

Maths Activity Book:

Please do not allow them to rush ahead in the Maths homework book, just 1 double page (3 sections each week please).

Reading Practice Book (sent home Tuesday and collected in on Thursday- please prioritise this above other reading books):

Please ensure that your child practices their group 'reading practice' book with you at home during the week to support their fluency, independence and comprehension during our group sessions.

Precision Teach (for some children):

If your child still has some Reception key words (or phonemes) that they are not consistently reading by sight, then I will issue them with a 'precision teach' grid; this grid repeats 5 words in a random order. The idea is that they read as many of the words as they can in 1 minute, this strategy is very effective and with regular practice (just 1 minute per day) they will soon be able to complete the whole sheet in 1 minute- we will keep a check on their progress at school too. If your child enjoyed Barney's Bones in Reception then you could always make their 5 focus words into bones for the dog and practice them in this way.

Homework will be set on Monday and is due in the following Monday.

Precision teach grids will be updated when your child demonstrates, at school, that they can read the entire grid within 1 minute.

Staying in touch

If you have any questions or query about your child you can contact me by:

- **Popping a note in your child's homework diary**
- **At the end of the day at pick up**
- **Leave a phone message with the office which will be returned at the end of the school day**
- **Make an appointment through the school office**
- **Email the school office (not teacher email)**

Please ensure changes to star club/ bus arrangements are communicated to the school office. If your child is to be collected by someone different please send them in with a note. If you have a regular pattern of collection arrangements please detail these in a note and we will keep this information for future reference.