



Friday 12th September

Dear Families,

During Year 1, Zebra class will explore new ideas and discover lots of different ways to learn. We will continue to build a love of learning in Year 1 and hope to inspire children's imaginations through our autumn term topic – Toys through time. This is related to our science topic on materials.

Learning

During Year 1, we will work hard together to create a positive learning environment where children are taught phonics, English and maths in the morning. Other curriculum subjects are taught in the afternoon. Year 1 learning will be delivered through continuous provision and this will be referred to as Learning and Discovery time. This involves children leading their own learning by accessing a number of 'must do' tasks following short teaching inputs, alongside making a plan to support their own fabulous ideas. Zebra class will be able to continue to access the outdoor space, depending on the plans they have made. In year 1 we will not be using **Tapestry** as used in EYFS and there will be an opportunity for you to look at your child's work during parents evening. Year 1 information will feature in the main school newsletter and on the parent Facebook page.

Library

Library days are Monday. Children will be issued with a library book to enjoy with you at home. Books will need to be returned weekly before another book can be issued. Please do share this book with your child and help us on our journey towards fostering a deep love of reading.

P.E

P.E in Year 1 will be on a Monday afternoon. Children will need to bring named PE kit in a small named bag which will stay on their peg. No rucksacks please, just bookbags as we have limited space. This half term P.E will be taken outdoors so please make sure that your child has suitable clothing as the weather cools down. Please ensure earrings are removed or covered with tape.

KIT: Black shorts, plain white t-shirts. Plimsolls or training shoes are essential for outdoor PE. In winter: tracksuit, warm sweatshirt or sports top.

Wellie Wednesday

Our love for outdoor learning continues throughout year 1. Wednesday will follow a similar pattern to the sessions they enjoyed in EYFS. We will enjoy activities in the MUGA, adjacent garden, flower meadow, campfire cooking and of course, visits to the lakes. Visits to the lakes depend on volunteers. If you would like to volunteer then please collect a volunteer pack from the main school office. This will need to be completed before you will be able to volunteer with us. Children will need to have named waterproofs and named wellies in school as we will go outside whatever the weather. Wellie Wednesday sessions will take place every Wednesday morning. Children should come to school in P.E kit- white T-shirt and black jogging bottoms, with their school uniform in a named bag to change into.

Homework

Reading is our main priority in Year 1 and it is expected that children are heard at home at least four times a week. A sapphire gem will be awarded each time your child has completed four reads at home in a single week. Reading journals will be checked weekly and sapphires will be awarded. Please remember to write in your child's reading journal when you have heard your child read and praise their achievements. We will also send home some phonic resources to help keep track of the new sounds and sight words as they learn them. Children's log-ins for purple mash will be stuck inside their reading journals. Please support them this term to login and out independently, remembering their login details and spotting where to find them on the keyboard. This helps them make more use of the IT equipment available to them in Zebra class.

Thank you for all your support! If you have any questions please speak to the team after school.

Miss Southern, Mrs McCowie

The Year 1 Team
year1@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk