



Dear Parents / Carers

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 using our autumn term topic - Pets. This is related to our science – animals including humans – animals and pets.

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. All other subjects will be delivered through continuous provision in the afternoons. 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 in the afternoons, 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 Thursday. 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 Wednesday afternoon. Children will need to arrive in school wearing their P.E kit and they will wear it all day. This half term P.E will be taken outdoors so please make sure that your child has suitable clothing as the weather cools down.

KIT: Black shorts/jogging bottoms, plain white t-shirt and plimsolls/trainers. Your child will also need to wear their school jumper.



Thermal Thursday

Thermal Thursday will follow a similar pattern to that of Wellie Wednesday. We will enjoy activities in the MUGA, adjacent garden, campfire cooking and of course visit 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 waterproofs and wellies in school as we will go outside whatever the weather. Children will need to arrive in school in Thermal Thursday clothes, clothes suitable for the weather outside and bring their school uniform and shoes in a named bag to change into afterwards. We welcome any donations of kindling and wood throughout the year. A Thermal Thursday calendar will be sent out, once your children have had time to settle in, so sessions will take place on site until then.

Homework

Reading is a 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. Children's log-ins for Purple Mash will be stuck in their reading journals. This is an online resource we will use in school but also some you can explore at home with your child if you wish. It has lots of fun learning activities and games.

Thank you to all the parents and guardians who support our children! We could not do our job without your support and your smiley children. If you have any questions, please speak to the team after school.

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