



6th January 2019

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Our Year 1 Learning Pathway

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you and the children all had a wonderful break. The Year 1 team are excited for the start of a new term and can't wait to hear about all the children's Winter adventures.

Here are some reminders:

- No nuts of any kind are to be brought into school – this includes peanut butter and nutella.
- No jewellery should be worn on PE days.
- No chocolate in lunchboxes. That means: no nutella, no chocolate pudding/ yoghurt/ milk.
- Please make sure all children's items are labelled.
- Reading books are sent home weekly, please ensure you are sending your child's reading folder to school on their reading day, so the books can be changed.
- Each Wednesday children will be tested on their spelling words that have been sent home. Please send their spelling words book in every Wednesday, so their teacher can stick in the new spelling list.
- Please check the School website and Home communication book every day - there will be some helpful information and some things that we may need from you as parents.

If you need to talk to us, please feel free to e-mail us.

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English

This week we will focus on instruction writing once more. The children will be challenged to apply their knowledge from last term to writing a set of instructions on how to make a sandwich.



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Reading

This week we will start sending reading books home for the children to enjoy once more. Please take the time to listen to your child read each day and share other books and stories with them.

Here are some questions you could ask when reading, to help support your child's progress:

Prediction Questions with Pip

- Where do you think.... will go next?
- What do you think... will say / do next?
- What do you think this book will be about? Why?
- How do you think that this will end?
- Who do you think has done it?
- What might.... say about that?



Spelling

There is no spelling test this week. Spelling words will be sent home on Thursday, so the children can practise for their spelling test on Wednesday 16th January.

Here is a list of the common exception words children are expected to be able to spell at the end of Year 1, getting your children to read and write these words regularly will help their progress in both reading and writing.

Year 1 Common Exception Words

the	is	no	one
a	his	go	once
do	has	so	ask
to	I	by	friend
today	you	my	school
of	your	here	put
said	they	there	push
says	be	where	pull
are	he	love	full
were	me	come	house
was	she	some	our



Maths: Shape

This week, we will start a new unit on shape. The children will learn the different names of 2D and 3D shapes. They will think about the different features of shapes and what makes them recognisable.

Here are some ways you can support your child's learning at home:

- Get your child to go on a shape hunt around the house and record all the shapes they find.
- Ask your child to create picture using specific shapes e.g. what picture can you make from 1 square, 3 triangles and 2 circles.
- Challenge your child to make a building out of 3D shapes and then record what shapes they used.

Topic: Whatever the Weather!

This term, we will be exploring a new topic called 'Whatever the Weather!'. The children will learn about the 4 seasons and the different weather that people experience around the world during different seasons. This week, we will produce art work to reflect the four seasons and also think about the different clothing required for different types of weather.

Here are some ways you can support your child's learning at home:

- Get your child to draw a picture of themselves in different weather conditions, labelling the different pieces of clothing they would wear.