



27th January 2019

'Achieving Excellence'



Our Year 1 Learning Pathway

Dear Parents,

Here are some reminders:

- **Parent open morning is on Wednesday 30th January 8am-10am.**
- **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 read the story *The Day the Crayons Quit*. We will be working on using adjectives to describe settings and characters.

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

- Ask your child to describe objects around the house using adjectives.
- Watch *The Day the Crayons Quit* and challenge your child to draw a picture of the favourite scene and write a description about it.

Reading

Weekly readers are sent out each week, please ensure your child brings their back to school, so the class teacher can listen to him/her read. 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

The weekly spelling test will be on Wednesday 30th January.

On the next page 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: Place Value 0-20

This week, we will continue to investigate place value using the numbers 0-20. We will investigate number bonds to 20 and adding numbers to make a total over 10.

Topic: Whatever the Weather!

This week, we will be discussing where we are all from and locating places on maps. The children will use atlases to find places that are important to their personal geography. We will then learn about the 7 continents and locate them on a map.