

Year 1 Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2024

We hope that all the children are enjoying our new topic about the Great Fire of London. We have enjoyed listening to stories, finding out facts and taking part in an immersive experience in class. We will be learning about this topic all the way through to Easter.

We have also started a new Science topic all about animals. The children are excited about this and are looking forward to installing our very own bird cam on the school field! Watch this space.

Reading...

Please make sure to return your child's reading book every **Monday**; we need these back to hand out to other groups. If it isn't in the bookbag on Monday and we need it, we'll give you a call to see if you can drop it in at the end of the day.

Please also make sure to send in their diary every day and sign to say that you have heard them read at home. Reading books will come home on Wednesday.

The children are working towards reading awards based on each day they read at home; I'll send out more details shortly.

Phonics and homework...

We are continuing daily phonics lessons in Year 1 using the Little Wandle scheme. Every Friday we send home a summary of the phonics learnt in school over the week. You can find this in their **homework book** (if the homework book is not in their bookbag, we will send home a loose sheet).

Please look through this homework with your child and make any notes or give feedback. Make sure to sign to let us know you have talked this through with your child; this helps reinforce new sounds and words we are learning in school. If you would like any support with how to use this sheet at home, let me know and I'm happy to help.

PE...

PE days continue to be **Tuesday** and **Friday**. Most of our PE sessions will be held outside, therefore please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for outdoor PE lessons. PE kit is white t-shirts and black shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms.

The children will change for PE in school; you are welcome to leave PE at school on their pegs.

Forest School...

We are so lucky to be able to offer Forest School on alternate **Fridays** throughout the year. Mrs Worley leads these sessions but needs volunteer helpers each week. If you or anyone else you know (grandparents, uncles, aunts etc) can spare a couple of hours to help we would be very grateful. The timetable and group lists are on the classroom door.

Home time...

Please ensure that if someone other than yourself or one of your child's named adults is collecting your child, the school must be notified before home time. You can do this via a letter, email or telephone call.

Snack

We have fruit snacks available everyday for KS1 children, this can be apples, bananas, satsumas, tomatoes, carrots or snap peas depending on the season. If you would like to send in a snack from home, please make sure that it is a healthy food item for example: fruit, yoghurt, cereal bars etc. Children are not allowed to eat sweets, chocolate bars, cakes and crisps at break time.

If you need anything, want to ask questions or make an appointment you can catch us at the end of the day, send an email on class1@mill-lane.oxon.sch.uk or phone the main office and we will get back to you as soon as possible. You are welcome to pop in after school to have a look around the classroom and chat about what we are doing during the day.

I will post this on our class web page along with a termly update of what we are learning in school.

Many thanks,
Nicky Palmer