



Year One Newsletter



Spring Two Edition

Home Reading

Reading together is really important. Please remember we expect children to read their reading books every night.

We also need children to bring their book bags with their reading books and diary in **every day**.

Thank you for working with us to enable your child to reach their full potential.



Attendance

Year One's attendance from September to the end of Spring 1 was 93%. Good attendance is 96%. If your child is absent they miss out on lots of exciting learning opportunities. Poor attendance disadvantages a child's learning and can affect their ability to sustain friendships. Please help your child to get the most out of their education by bringing them to school every day, on time.



Dates for the diary

Thursday 1st March - World Book Day all children to dress up as their favourite character from a book.

Thursday 8th March - Portals to the Past Workshop in School - Dinosaurs and Fossils

Thursday 15th March - Trip to Pagoda and St Johns Church

Wednesday 21st March - Sports Relief (more information to follow)

Thursday 22nd March - School Nurse Drop In 10.00 am -12.00 pm

Monday 26th March - Autism Awareness Day (more information to follow)

Wednesday 28th March - Open Afternoon 3.10 pm - 5 pm

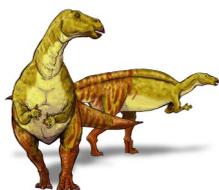
Food Hygiene

We are very pleased to say that we achieved a 5 star food hygiene certificate from the Foods Standard Agency again this year. This is the highest level. Well done to all of our kitchen staff!

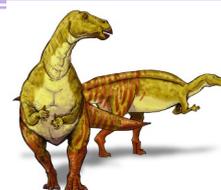


Homework Launch!

Following the success of our homework meeting during open evening (where we asked you to share your thoughts on our new style homework) we are very excited that this Friday the children will be coming home with their brand new homework books! Homework will now be half termly. Children will now have a homework menu from which they can choose the homework activities they would like to complete. We hope you find this more manageable and that the children find it more enjoyable as they can choose from a range of activities. More information will be given out on Friday.



Dinosaurs



Our topic this term is Dinosaurs. The children will be learning about dinosaurs through non fiction texts. This topic will have a focus on history and the children will learn about the past by asking questions and using artefacts. We are very excited that we have a dinosaur workshop for the children in school as part of our topic where the children will have the opportunity to handle fossils and real dinosaur bones.

In English children will continue to develop their handwriting skills. They will also be learning to use punctuation such as question marks and exclamation marks. They will also be taught suffixes and prefixes such as un, ing, er and est and the spelling rules for adding these to words.

Within phonics the children are continuing to learning the Phase 5 phonemes and digraphs. The children will be learning alternative digraphs for the same sound. For example: ay, a-e, ai. We will also be learning to read and spell the common exception words for Year One. We will be sending copies of these home so that you can help your child in spelling these words correctly.



In Maths the children will be learning about measure. This will involve weight, capacity, length and time. In addition to this the children will be learning to count numbers to 100 and beyond. This will involve counting forwards and backwards from any given number, comparing numbers, understanding the place value of numbers and being able numbers.

