**Reading and Reading Books**

Every child will read with an adult in school daily. Please make sure your child has their reading book with them every day, as they might be asked to read with an adult. It is important that you support your child at home with reading. It is expected that you will read with your child at least 3 times a week. Our reading books are linked to our Phonics scheme – Bug Club. Please let us know in reading records how much your child has read and what page they are up to. This will help us when reading in school and comments in reading records help us to communicate with you about your child’s reading progress.

Please ensure you do write in reading records so that we know that your child has read their book at home.

**Outdoor Education**

This term, after the half term holiday, Year 1 will take part in Outdoor Education through our provider Endless Adventure. During these sessions, we will go on trips to different places and learn to identify different plants and animals. The children will need suitable outdoor clothing for these sessions such as waterproof coats, walking boots or wellies and hats, scarves and gloves as the weather will have changed by then and will be much colder! More detailed information to follow.

**PE**

Our PE days this term are a Tuesday and Wednesday. PE kits can be bought into school on a Monday, can stay on your child’s peg all week and can go home on a Friday to be washed. Please make sure that all items of clothing, shoes and bags are named.

Please make sure school uniform is also labelled with your child’s name, as if they lose cardigans/jumpers it is very difficult to identify which one is theirs if it is not labelled.

**Geography and History**

During these subjects we will look at Spennymoor. We will talk about what we notice about the local area and learn about human and physical features. The children will be introduced to maps. We will look at Spennymoor in the past and we will also discuss what homes were like in the past in History and discuss how they have changed through time. Have a chat to your children about what your house was like when you were a child.

**Science**

During science this term, we will learn about everyday materials. The children will investigate different materials and discuss their properties. We will look at what different objects are made from and investigate how different materials compare. Another topic we will explore throughout the year is Seasonal Changes. We will compare the seasons and discuss the weather too.

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We are very pleased with how well the children have settled and are looking forward to continuing to work with you and your children this year. I can tell they are going to really enjoy Year One!

Please just ask if you have any questions.

Miss Simpson (Year 1 Teacher) and Mrs Atkinson (Year 1 Teaching Assistant)

**Meet the Teacher**

Monday 11th September

3:15 – 3:45 pm

**Writing**

This term, we will practise writing in full sentences. We are going to spend time telling each other stories and looking at fiction and non-fiction books. We have lots of writing resources and the children will be given the opportunity to write in all areas of the classroom, such as the construction area and role play area. The children will be taught letter formation during handwriting sessions and we will encourage them to form letters correctly when writing. We will be using our phonic knowledge to help us to write words and sentences independently. The children will be working hard to make sure their letters sit on the line and will be encouraged to remember where we need to use full stops and capital letters. Look out for letter formation homework in your child’s home learning book.

**Maths**

This term in maths, we will learn about the value of numbers and will be looking at different ways to make amounts. We will be sorting objects and will explain how we sorted them. The children will learn how to add and subtract and will learn the names of 2D and 3D shapes and discuss their properties.

Each day, we will be placing the date on our daily dashboard calendar. We will also learn how to write the date in number form.

**Phonics and The Phonics Screening Check**

In Year 1, we continue to teach Phonics using Bug Club. The children will take part in Phonics every day.

Through phonics children are taught how to:

• recognise the sounds that each individual letter makes

• identify the sounds that different combinations of letters make - such as ‘sh’ or ‘oo’

• blend these sounds together from left to right to make a word Children can then use this knowledge to ‘decode’ new words that they hear or see. This is the first important step in learning to read.

The children will take part in a Phonics Screening Check in June. The phonics screening check is a check of your child’s phonics knowledge. It helps your school confirm whether your child is making the progress expected in the national curriculum. It is very important that you support your child at home with Phonics and reading in preparation for the check. Look out for Phonics Screening Practise homework which will be sent out in your child’s home learning book. More information will be sent out regarding the Phonics Screening Check in due course.

**Welcome to Year One**

The children have had a brilliant start to the year. We are proud of how hard they are working already. They have a wonderful attitude to learning new things and seem very pleased to be back. All children have impressed us by their learning gems and have settled into their new classroom very well. This term our topic is ‘Marvellous Me’.

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