



Year 1 Autumn Newsletter



Welcome back to all of our children, parents and carers. It has been wonderful to get to know the children, and we have had a lovely start to our new school year. Mrs Douthwaite/Mrs Jatwa and Mrs Poulson will be your teachers this year with Teaching Assistant support from Miss McCoy and Miss Wolfenden.

Important Information:

Start time: School doors will open at 8:40 and close at 8:55am.

Finish time: 3:10pm

Children must come to school wearing full school uniform. This includes plain black footwear with no logos.

PE Days: Our PE days will be ? and ?. Please can PE kits remain in school for the duration of the half term as PE days may change. Please can children bring a PE kit into school consisting of a plain dark green t-shirt, black shorts/joggers, plimsolls and appropriate outdoor footwear.

Children should not be wearing jewellery for PE and can we please ask that any hair is tied up away the face.



Class Dojo and Seesaw:

Please continue to use class dojo regularly to keep up with any messages from school. You can also contact your child's class teacher there to send a private message. In Year 1, we will begin to use 'Seesaw'. This is a great app that allows you to be able to see your child's fantastic learning! Please make sure you sign up to this as we will be posting regular information to help you support



Toy Story



During this topic, children will discuss changes through time. They will have the opportunity to explore how toys have changed through and begin to think of the reasons why. They will look at similarities and differences between old and new toys and the features that make a good toy.



Home Learning:

We are continuing with our whole school reading initiative 'Read for the Stars'. Please can you continue to read with your child regularly at home. The expectation for KS1 is that the children **read at home 4 times a week**. We are excited to see who will reach the Sun, which can be achieved by the ? November if they read every night!

The additional phonically decodable book will also be sent home to read, as well as a book of each child's choice to read at home together. This is for reading for pleasure.

Please write in your child's reading journal when they have read with you so that books can be changed when required.

Please ensure that reading books come into school every day.

Children will receive spellings on a Monday on paper, Seesaw and Class Dojo, these can then be learned over the week and will be tested the following Friday. This year, we will continue with our spelling initiative, 'Bader Spelling Bee'. The children will compete against other classes to get the highest average score to be in with the chance to become 'Royal Spelling Bee' for that week!