

Welcome back

Happy New Year to you all. We are all looking forward to a happy and successful term.

A few reminders to make the new term run smoothly.

P.E.

Please can you make sure children have their P.E. kit in school every day. Our usual P.E. days will continue to be **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. On a Tuesday we don't always get changed into PE kits for dance so please can you make sure your child comes to school that day in trousers, leggings or joggers so they are comfortable to move around. **Please note change of day for Dance**. Thank you.

Reading

In Year 1 children are involved in reading activities every day. This may include guided reading, buddy reading, shared reading in addition to our home/school reading books. They will read their individual home reading books regularly too. Please continue to change their reading books as often as you need to. Please also sign their reading diaries every time you hear them read at home. All children are given a personal reading target in their diaries. This is an area for them to focus on whilst reading at home and at school. Also, please take time to look at their informative book marks which give hints and tips for better reading specifically for their stage of reading. Thank you. Happy Reading!

Spellings

Children will continue to bring home spellings to learn each week. These will be checked and new ones given out each Friday'. Please help your child to learn their spellings by using...

Look – Look at the word together

Cover – Hide the word

Write – Try to write the word from memory

Check – Look at the word again and check to see if you were right.

PRAISE – Give lots of positive encouragement – This is the most important part!!

The children who have spent time on their spellings at home are always the most confident!

Library Books

Children can change their library book as often as they like – first thing in the morning is a good time.

Classroom Helpers

We are lucky to have lots of classroom support. Mrs Townroe will work in Year One during the morning sessions. At times Mrs Snidall and Mrs Bradburne will also work in Year 1.

As always, please do not hesitate to pop in and see us if you have any worries. We will always do our best to help.

Mrs Vickerman and Mrs Griffin