

Year 1 Newsletter 10.9.21



Welcome to Year 1

We have had a lovely week and a half of settling in and finding our feet. The children have all done really well getting to know their new routines and we are really impressed with how well they have settled in.

To support the transition to Year 1, we will send out a class newsletter fortnightly, via Teachers to Parents, to keep you up to date. Don't forget to also look at our whole-school newsletter. In addition you will also find the topic web for this half term attached so that you can see what we will be covering over the next few weeks.

Year 1 Staff Team

The class teachers Mrs Pringle and Miss Cassidy are supported in class by our teaching assistants Ms S Benford and Mrs L Smith. In addition, PPA cover is provided by Mrs Waller in 1CC and Mrs C Smith in 1KP.

PE and Lunches

A part of participating in PE is being able to get changed independently. While a bit of a challenge, the children have worked very hard with this. It would help them to practise this important skill at home. Children who are already wearing socks do not need to change them for PE. We just ask that if your child is wearing tights, they have a pair of socks in their PE bag to change into. Thank you for your help and support.

Next week the lunches will be changing to a three week menu. This can be found on the North Tyneside Council website <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/240/menus>. Please note from Monday 13th September the school kitchen will be providing the 'week 2' meals. However for **that week only** they will need to swap Monday and Wednesday. (Monday—spaghetti bolognese, Tuesday—beef grill, Wednesday—chicken curry). The menu will then continue following the 3 week plan.

We appreciate that some children prefer to bring a packed lunch to school. Please follow the link for some information about packed lunches which you might find useful <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/241/packed-lunch-advice>.

Spellings and Reading Books

We would like the children to practise some spellings each week that will help them with their independent writing. There are 10 words to learn made up of words with the sound of the week, high frequency words and tricky words. These will be sent via Teachers to Parents next week and our first spelling 'test' will be at the end of Week 4.

We have been busy assessing the children's phonic knowledge over the last week so that we can ensure they take home the appropriate level of reading book. These books will be sent out next week and each child will have a specific day to read as part of a group. We really value your support with reading at home and ask that you aim to read little and often, 5-10 minutes daily is ideal. Please record this in your child's reading record. The children will change their reading books once a week and take 1-2 books at a time.

Important Messages

- Please can we ask you to check all your child's clothes and their water bottle to ensure they are named. It makes it very difficult to return things to the correct children otherwise.
- Please can we ask all children to bring a pair of named wellies to leave at school to support our use of the outdoor classroom.
- We ask the children at the start of each day to check their bag for letters. If your child finds it difficult to manage this by themselves you can give your child the letter to hand directly to staff at drop off or pick up.
- We appreciate that it is not always easy to talk to staff at the beginning or end of the day. If you would like to talk to your child's teacher you can send us an email and we will get back to you as soon as we can either by email or phone. Please be aware that emails are not always picked up during the school day.

EdShed

To support our weekly spellings, each child will be given access to an online spelling program. Their log in details can be found inside their purple reading record which will be sent home next week along with some information to support your use of this program at home. We will be showing the children how to use this in school and each week their new spellings will be added so that they can practise them. If you have any difficulty with this please let us know and we will endeavour to help you.



Important Dates

Friday 17th September—Jeans for Genes Day. Children can come to school in non-uniform in return for a £1 donation.

Tuesday 21st September—Individual photos

WB 20th September—after school clubs start

Our Fabulous Pupils!

All of our wonderful children have managed so well with the new class routines this week—well done!

Have a lovely weekend, The Year 1 Team.

