

# Year 1 Newsletter

## Miss Jeffreys, Mr Walker, Miss Barney and Miss Woodcock

### November - December 2023

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful break over the Half Term and are looking forward to the term ahead. We certainly are feeling very happy about the progress the children are making and how settled and happy they are in their three classes.

#### English



To start off the new half term, the children have been immersed into the new topic 'Pets'. We have opened our very own 'Pet shop' in class and have already enjoyed learning about how to care for animals. During this half term, the children will be preparing to meet some real pets! How exciting!



#### Reading

All of the children now have a reading book or a reading sheet and this will be changed on a weekly basis. Your child's book will be collected every **Friday** and a new book will be provided the same day. Please make sure your child brings in their reading book and reading record to school **every day**, as the children will be read with during school time.

***Please read with your child at least three times a week and sign the reading record.***

#### Maths

In maths, the children will begin to learn about addition and continue to consolidate their knowledge of numbers to 10, focusing on number bonds and using lots of manipulatives and resources to support their learning. You can support your child at home by helping them notice numbers around them and in their local area. For example, door numbers, bus numbers, counting the number of pages in their reading book, etc.

#### PE

As you know, PE kits can now be worn all day. Please ensure your child wears the PE kit provided. Should you wish to purchase new PE clothes, a plain white T-shirt with no slogans and plain black joggers are appropriate. Joggers are especially useful as the weather gets colder. Trainers can be worn on PE days only.



**Y1 Millie Bright Class: PE days are on Tuesdays and Fridays**  
**Y1 Julia Donaldson Class : PE days are on Mondays and Wednesdays**  
**Y1 Malala Yousafzai Class: PE days are on Wednesdays and Fridays**

#### Other information

Y1'S teaching assistants are Miss McRobbie and Mrs Khatoon.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch by speaking directly to us on the door or by phone or email.

Many thanks,

The Year 1 Team

#### You can help by:

At the end of Year 1 children should know all of their Set 1, Set 2 and Set 3 phonics sounds. Please practise these at home with your child regularly using the video links below or typing Set 1 and 2 or 3 RWI sounds into Youtube. If you need any support accessing this, please consult your child's class teacher.

Set 1 pure sounds - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6OiU2h3sUI>

Set 2 sounds- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p7hRbrpq5Bo>

Set 3 sounds- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2o2b7nL1jrg>

Listening to your child read and sharing stories with them is so important. Please ask questions about the book to check your child's understanding. The books taken home by the children are of a high quality so it's important to make the best use of them, as they have been carefully matched to the reading level.

Here is a useful list of the 100 high frequency words. Please help your child to read and spell as many of these words as possible: <https://www.highfrequencywords.org/hfw100fp.pdf>

Hit The Button is a fun game where children can practise number bonds, addition facts and times tables. It can be played on most devices. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

**Key dates:**

Beginning of half term: Monday 6th November

Last day of half term: Friday 22nd December