

Year 1 Parents' Meeting Wednesday 14th September

Reading

In Foundation Stage your child will normally have brought home a book to read that they are familiar with. In Key Stage 1 the children are encouraged to make an independent choice about the book they bring home to read with you. It will have been selected from a basket of books appropriate for their reading level but it will not have previously been read by the child in school. Please encourage your child to look at the pictures in the book and introduce new words to them when talking about the pictures, before you start reading the book. Your child will also be reading regularly in school. Please read with your child **at least 3 times every week** and record this in their Reading/Homework Diary. It is always good reading any comments you write as well as these can be very helpful to us.

Homework

Homework will be set each Thursday and should be completed (in pencil) and returned by Tuesday each week. Please sign the Homework/Reading Diary to show you are satisfied that the work has been completed to a pleasing standard. Again, your comments are helpful and welcomed. Please write your comments on the homework sheet/book as there is no room in the diary.

Fast Five words

Each week your child will bring home 5 High Frequency Words to practise. As these are key words in our reading and writing at this age it is important that the children learn to read and spell these words confidently. We will be working on these words in school and revisiting them regularly and we would be grateful if you would do the same. This is in addition to the weekly homework that will be set. Fast Five words will be sent home on a Thursday and need to be back in school the following Tuesday.

PE

PE kits (pumps, shorts and T shirt) should stay in school during each half term and will be sent home each holiday for a wash and to check everything still fits. Please ensure that all belongings are clearly named (not just PE kit). Year 1 PE is on Tuesday. If the kit is needed for a club please ensure that it is returned to school in time for our next PE lesson

Money

If money needs to be sent to school please send it in an envelope and write on your child's name, class and what the money is for eg trip

Water bottles

Please ensure that your child has a **named** water bottle in school every day. They may take this home each day if they wish, to wash and refill, if not it will be sent home on Fridays. Only plain water should be in these bottles please, no squash or flavoured water as these drinks will damage teeth.

Show and Tell

The children enjoy sharing their news with the class and bringing in special items to show to their friends. We have Show and Tell time on a Monday afternoon so if your child would like to bring something in to share please make sure it comes to school on a Monday.

Arriving at school

The children need to arrive at school between 8:40am and 8:50am. The playground door opens at 8:40am after which the children can walk into school and go to their classroom. It is very important that all the children arrive in time for the register (at 8:50am). If they are late you need to take them to the main Reception area and wait with them until 9:10am when they will be taken to their classroom. Home time for Year 1 is 3:20pm. The children will look through the library windows to check they can see the adult who is collecting them. They then wait by the door until a member of staff dismisses them. We need to make eye contact with the adult before allowing the children to go to ensure their safety. Please wave to help us while we learn all the new faces.

Finishing work

It is very important that all work is completed so if a piece of work is not finished in lesson time the children will need to work on this at another time. This could be during Golden Time as this is a reward for working well all week. If homework is not completed this too will be worked on in school.

Log in details

Your log in details for online reports will stay the same throughout your child's time at Pensby Primary School.

You should also be able to access useful websites such as My maths, Espresso and Busythings.

News reports have highlighted the possible dangers of accessing the internet. School operates a very strict e-safety policy and we ask you to ensure that you are always aware of your child's activities when using the internet and other electronic devices to ensure they are age appropriate.

School Website

Please look at the school website regularly as it will tell you all you need to know about what is happening. I update the class page at least once a week, informing you of news, upcoming events, topics and general information.

If you have any questions or concerns we are happy to help. If it is something quick we can have a chat at the end of the school day. Otherwise you can ask at the school office and an appointment will be made which is convenient for everyone.

Mrs Sibthorp and the Year 1 team.