

Year 1 Parents' Meeting Wednesday 9th 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 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 diary to show you are satisfied that the work has been completed to a pleasing standard. Again, your comments are helpful and welcomed.

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 Friday and need to be back in school the following Thursday.

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.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call into our classroom for a chat. I look forward to meeting everyone at Parents' Evenings later this term.

Mrs Sibthorp and the Year 1 team.