

Monday 10th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We trust you had an enjoyable half term break and look forward to a busy and fun filled term ahead.

Curriculum

Please find attached our Year 1, Autumn 2 Topic Web with details of what will be covered in each subject this half term. We have also attached Knowledge Organisers for our topics on 'Animals Including Humans' and 'Changes within Living Memory'.

Reading

In addition to their phonics books, children will bring home two other books each week.

- **Thursday:** Children can choose a book from our classroom library. These books are for you to enjoy together or for you to read to your child. They are not aligned to phonics groups.
- **Friday:** Children will bring home a Book Bag book that matches their phonics group (for example, green group children will receive a green Book Bag book). Please return these books the following Friday so we can send home a new one.

We encourage you to listen to your child read aloud each day and record this in their yellow reading record book. If you would like to keep a book for longer than a week, please do let us know.

Phonics

Phonics sessions will resume on Monday 10th November 2025. The children have all been assessed recently and may have changed groups.

PE

Year 1 will have PE on Mondays and Wednesdays for the remainder of this term. Both of these sessions will take place indoors. Our Monday lesson will be run by external coaches (Playball) and our Wednesday session will focus on developing balance when jumping. A reminder that the children should come to school in their PE kits on these days.

Homework

This week, children will bring home a spelling list with words to revise. Please encourage your child to practise writing these words at home. We will have an informal spelling quiz each Friday to celebrate our progress in learning to spell new words. Please also continue to read with and to your child regularly.

Caroline Barriball, Headteacher

End of day arrangements

If there are any changes to the person who is collecting your child, please ensure that you let us know. This can be done by emailing the school office or letting us know at drop off time.

Important Dates

Monday 17th November - 1CS visit to Selsdon Library (10:15-12:00)

Monday 24th November - 1MS visit to Selsdon Library (10:15-12:00)

(Please let us know if you would like to help us on the trip as we will need a couple of parent volunteers)

Tuesday 11th November - Parents Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)

Thursday 20th November - Parents Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)

Saturday 29th November - Winter Fair (12pm - 3pm)

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Year 1 Team

Caroline Barriball, Headteacher

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