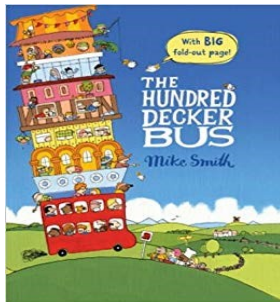


Year 1 Autumn term newsletter

Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome to year 1! Your teachers in Y1 that are there to help you are Miss Haynes and Mrs Van Russelt. I hope you have all had a fantastic summer making memories together and staying safe. After a very different year we are so excited to welcome everyone back to school together again. I hope you are all ready and excited to start your new adventure in year 1 because it is going to be a fun and enjoyable year with lots of new learning experiences.



This term we are going to explore the world of transport through our topic of journeys and discoveries. Our topic is going to take us on our own adventure through using the stories 'The Hundred Decker Bus' and 'The naughty bus' where anything is possible. The stories immediately gives us links to a variety of different types of transports from hot air balloons and ferries to cars and the decker bus itself. These books provides us with many role-play opportunities where children can act out the story in the provision. The story of 'The naughty bus' can create links to the capital city of London where children can discover and explore geographical similarities and differences between London and Wybunbury.

Our Holistic Plan that goes alongside this newsletter, gives an overview of our learning intentions in each subject area which links to the national curriculum.

Drop off and collection times-

To ensure social distancing between different classes we have had to stagger dropping off and collection. In Y1, the drop off time has changed to **8.50-9.00am** and collection is **3.20-3.30pm**. Please try and keep within your time slots. Can you drop off and collect your child from the **Y1 garden gate** where I will be waiting to greet you. Mrs Van Russelt will be waiting in the classroom for your children to enter. If you have an older child who needs to be dropped off at an earlier time you can also drop your Y1 child off at the **Y1 garden gate** at this time too. If you have an older child with a later pick up time, your Y1 child can wait at the door with me until you arrive. Please keep within your allocated time slots so that we can ensure all adults are social distancing. There is a one way system around school so can you please follow the signs around the school building. Once all of your children are dropped off/collected please do not stay on the school site.

Our Year 1 timetable

Our mornings will begin with phonics and reading. This will be followed by an English lesson. We will then have our morning play. This is when your child has the opportunity to have fruit supplied by school, a drink of water or their own healthy snack which is brought in from home. The children will then have a maths lesson before lunch. At lunchtime everyone will be having their lunch in the classroom and hot dinners will be provided for those who choose to have it. The afternoon will be filled with worship and learning based on our topic. The children will also be taught PE by Mrs Jenkins.

Reading

I can't wait to hear you all read and help you to develop your reading skills. Reading time in Year 1 is a very important time. In our classroom and year 1 garden, we have designated quiet places for reading and we will be encouraging children to read environmental print, word cards and a large variety of books which the children will have access to in our classroom.

Reading with your child at home in a relaxed and informal way builds on all we do in school. We encourage that you share stories, read to your child, talk about stories and listen to your child read as much as possible. When you do, please write a little comment in your child's reading record as we love to award 20 marbles for every reading record that is completed.

Please remember to bring your reading record and reading books to school every day in your book bag. We plan our book change on Mondays. If you would like your child to change them on another day, please encourage your child to tell me in the morning.

We have a Y1 reading website which we encourage children to visit. The link is: <https://y1reading.weebly.com/>. It includes a variety of different activities such as book reviews, reading games and spellings. There is also a list of 'Y1 recommended reads' these books are in a special place in the classroom where the children can access and borrow them from school. There will be badges available for children who complete the Recommended Read list over the year.

Homework

You will receive your optional writing homework in the 'Bingo Board' format. This will be set on a termly basis and the home work will be set around that current learning topic.

You will also receive optional maths homework on school jam. This will be sent out every Friday.

We encourage that children in Y1 read with someone at home on a weekly basis so that their books can be changed.

What can your child bring into school?

So that we can reduce cross contamination between home and school the children need to bring less stuff into school. We recommend that children don't bring a bag into school. However the children can bring:

- Book bag with reading wallet and snack (This will be put in their tray)
- Spare clothes and underwear in a disposable bag. These spare clothes will stay in school on their pegs.
- A water bottle which will stay on their table with them.
- A packed lunch in a disposable bag or wipe able plastic lunch box.
- Healthy snack (the snack bar in school will not be open)
- Reading book and plastic wallet

Our PE day is on a **Tuesday** please ensure that children are in their PE kits in the morning instead of their school uniform. They will stay in these clothes all day.

PE

Our PE lessons this term will take place on a **Tuesday afternoon**. PE will be taking place **outside** this term in order to adhere to COVID regulations. Children are asked to **come into school in their PE kits** on the day that PE is being taught. If there is a change to the day that PE is taught one week, you will receive an email to notify you. Children's PE kits should consist of a Wybunbury Delves blue PE top or plain white t-shirt with no logos or prints (There is a change to PE uniform for 20/21; we expect parents to move over to the new PE uniform as their child grows out of their house colour top), black shorts, white or black trainers, black tracksuit/joggers (essential for PE during Winter months) and a Wybunbury Delves black PE hoodie.

Year 1 email

Our class email address will be Y1wybunbury@gmail.com. School ask that you are respectful in how you make contact with your child's teacher. If you are a late night/weekend emailer, please schedule send the email to arrive the next working day between 8.30am-4pm. The teachers will only be checking emails during term-time and school hours; we are not expected to be making daily checks of our email as our priority is teaching the children. Please allow up to 2 working days for a response. Anything urgent, please telephone the school office during school hours and they will pass on a message that you need to get in touch.

Please keep up to date with what we are up to in Year 1 by visiting our school website and following us on Facebook or Twitter. We will send out a **weekly newsletter** at the end of each week on our website.

Kind regards,

Miss Haynes