

Year 1's spring term newsletter!

Dear families and children,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! I hope you have all had a fantastic Christmas and a well-deserved rest. A huge thank you to you and your families for your thoughtful gifts, cards and Christmas wishes. They were very much appreciated by everyone on the Y1 team.

Your teachers this term in Y1 that are there to help you are Miss Haynes, Mrs Van-Russelt, Mrs Cross and Miss Greatbanks. The children's mid-day assistant this term is Donna.

Our learning this term- **The Zoo!**

This term, the whole school will be focusing on the theme 'time travellers'. In year 1 we will be taking a more focused approach on zoos and how zoos have changed over time. You will be taken on an experience of a lifetime where you will be captivated by exciting animal facts through the learning of the most amazing animals that we encounter on our planet. The learning will be supported by our focus book of 'class two at the zoo'. This book will take us on the journey of visiting a zoo and meeting lots of different animals but BEWARE of the...

We will also be looking at the well-known storybook of 'The tiger who came for tea'. This book will immerse us into our first English writing activity.

Over Christmas our classroom has been transformed into our own year 1 zoo. In big art this week, we are going to make our 3D jungle collage in the style of Henri Rousseau. You will use tissue paper and oil pastels to give each animal a 3D form and then you will use brusho to make leaves so that you can hide all of the animals.

On **Friday 11th February**, the children will have their zoo theme day. The children are invited to wear zoo themed outfits and to bring in snacks for our tiger party.

Please see Y1's holistic plan for full details of what the children will be learning about in school. My holistic plan will guide you through our learning and how our theme is weaved through each subject where possible. You can find Y1's holistic plan on our school website.

Drop off and collection times-

In Y1, the drop off time is **8:40-8:50 am** and pick up time is **3.15pm**. Can you drop off and collect your child from the KS1 door on the playground where I will be waiting to greet you. Mrs Van-Russelt will be waiting in the classroom for your children to enter.

Reading

You are all doing so well with your reading and my favourite time of the day is listening to you read in phonics. 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 **Monday and Thursday**.

In Y1, we are all very lucky as we can host a reading challenge with our books that were brought last year. We hope these books will promote a love for reading and that you enjoy them very much. These storybooks can be read by an adult and listened to by you or you can challenge yourself and have a go at reading a few pages yourself. Once your parent/carer has written in your reading record that you have read the book you will be rewarded with points. Your points can help you achieve marbles and awards. Our point system is:

10 books= bronze award plus 10 marbles

20 books= silver award plus 10 marbles

35 books= gold award plus 10 marbles

50 books= platinum award plus 10 marbles

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.

Mystery readers-

We are still on our top secret mission to find volunteers who want to surprise our class and read to them. If you want to share your favourite story then we would love for you to secretly put a video on seesaw. Thank you to all of those families that have previously been a mystery reader. The children have really enjoyed having their parents and grandparents surprise them, it is a real treat.

PE-

Our PE lessons this term will still take place on a **Tuesday afternoon with Mrs Jenkins and Wednesday afternoon with sportscape**.

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 black shorts, white or black trainers, black tracksuit/joggers (essential for PE during Winter months) and a Wybunbury Delves black PE hoodie. You have all looked super smart in your PE kits last term!

Homework-

Your child will continue to take their Read Write Inc books at home where they will be encouraged to read each book three times to achieve the reading skills they need. These books will then be changed on Monday and Thursday.

You will be given a bingo homework sheet on Friday to complete over this term. All of the writing activities will be linked to our topic of 'The Zoo'. Every child will receive a head teacher's award if they complete all of their bingo homework by the end of the term.

The children will be given maths homework each week to complete at home through school jam.

Worships-

Now that we have introduced you to our courageous advocacy of 'The woodland trust' we would like to share with you this term how we have reached our aims of protecting and saving the trees. This worship will be done virtually so that we can share lots of pictures and videos of all of our amazing work that we have completed. This worship will be sent out after the February half term break.

Year 1 email-

Our class email address will be year1@wybunburydelves.co.uk

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.

I look forward to another exciting term with you all!

Kind regards,

Miss Haynes