

Happy New Year Year 1.

The team hope you all had a fun and festive holiday. We are very much looking forward to teaching some exciting learning within our varied topics this term.

In English, we will be writing quest stories using inspiration from the book Super Happy Magic Forest and developing our use of verbs and adjectives to bring our own quest stories to life using full sentences. We will also be writing to inform by creating fact files using information about animals from our science topic. Investigating some features of fact files and learning the difference between fact and opinion. We will continue to work on our phonics through regular sessions, focusing on blending and segmenting real and nonsense words, for reading and writing. Please continue to support your child with reading at home, at least five times a week. We will check reads weekly, on a Friday, and children will be given a raffle ticket, if they read five times in a week. Please make sure your child has their book bag and reading record book in school each day.

We will continue to write comments in their school reading record books to use as evidence of where they are, and this book remains in school because the children also use them to write answers to guided reading tasks during the school day. We will communicate with yourselves through the Home Reading Record, so please check your child's Home Reading Record regularly.

In Maths, the children will be taught place value and addition and subtraction with in 20. This will also include counting on one more or one less from given number with in 20. Children will be taught how to use the greater than, less than and equals symbols. Please practise ordering numbers and number bonds within 10 (eg $5+3=8$, $9=6+3$) with your child to help with their mental maths development.

Our science topic this term is all about common animals and types of animals and identifying the differences between herbivores, carnivores and omnivores and what these terms mean.

We will be learning about the UK in our Geography topic. Understanding that the UK is made up of 4 countries and each of them having their own capital cities and different flags. As well as recognising famous landmarks within the UK.

On PE Days, please can children come to school in their PE kit – this should be weather appropriate and will limit time spent changing.

Bumblebee Class: Monday and Thursday.

Dragonfly Class: Monday and Thursday. Please note the change of day.

Hedgehog Class: Tuesday and Wednesday

Children should bring in a bottle of water each day. Please make sure bottles are named and have a sports cap to prevent spillages. We aim to communicate with yourselves through the class dojo, and if appropriate, messages on classroom windows.

If you have any concerns or issues that you would like to discuss, please come and talk to us, preferably after school or you can contact us by email:

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