



Autumn Term in Year One with Miss Crossley and Mr Clare



Welcome to Year One! We hope you've all had a fantastic Summer and are refreshed, ready to get started.

We're looking forward to working together on our first topic, 'Pigs in Space', and having an astronomical term finding out about getting to the moon!

Keep an eye on the blog and twitter to find out about what we have been getting up to and we'd love it if you would add a few comments to encourage us all.

Autumn will be an exciting time for our classes because we have so many amazing things to learn! This term's topic is 'Pigs in Space', which will be a History and Art topic where we get investigate how people travelled to space, and then using our knowledge to rewrite the story of The Three Little Pigs. We will be arranging a trip to The National Space Centre to explore the different ways people tried to get to the moon. We will be using our history skills to create a timeline, using our art skills to create space inspired artworks and designing our own spacecraft.

Phonics Screening Check

In June your child will take part in the Phonics Screening Check. Please do not worry too much about it because we will make sure that your child has the support they need to do their best. We will provide practise materials when required but please talk to us if you have any concerns about anything connected to the Phonics Screening Check. Please look out for a letter inviting you to a parent information session this term.

Spelling

Each Friday your child will be set some phonics spellings to be tested the following week. These will be based on the phonemes they will be learning the following week. They will also be given a set of common exception words to learn (which are not phonically decodable). These will be tested once every three weeks and if they do well they will get the next set of words. They will get a bronze mark for each exception word they can read and a silver mark for each word they can spell on their latest set of exception words. They will get a gold mark for words they can still read and spell from previous sets.

Reading in Year 1

Your child will be given a book and a reading log to bring home and read throughout the week. They will need to bring their reading log and books in their book bags to school **every day**. Please listen to your child read and sign their log each day. The more they read the more prizes they can get! We make a commitment to changing your child's reading book once a week, but often they will be changed twice a week in order to maintain accelerated progress. If you need any advice about reading with your child, please pop in and see us.

Parent reading sessions

We will be arranging regular parent reading sessions over the year, which will give you an opportunity to get advice from teaching staff about how to encourage you child to make progress in their reading.

General Reminders...

- **Rewards** - We reward good behaviour, effort and achievement with House Points and Star of the Week. House points are given out throughout the week and are added to the grand total for each house. Each Friday a star of the week is also chosen this can be for exceptional effort, kindness or generally being a credit to the class, the chosen child then 'Dines with the Stars' on Monday lunchtime and has their photo displayed in class.
- **Marvellous Missions** - Every week the children will be set a Marvellous Missions task. These books are sent home on a Friday and the work is due in the following Wednesday. We encourage children to complete these as independently as possible.
- **PE Days** - Please ensure your child has a clearly labelled PE kit in school all week (rainy days may mean that outdoor PE sessions have to take place on different days). Your child needs to ensure they have their correct kit (House team top, shorts, trainers and tracksuit top and bottoms) and that all jewellery is taken out before school including earrings.
- As space is limited in cloak rooms we encourage you to allow your child to come into school **independently**. Please do not hesitate to come in and ask questions if you have any.
- Children only need to bring their reading log, reading book, spellings and marvellous mission. All stationary is provided in school, so please do not overload their bags.
- All children need indoor shoes and these must be clearly labelled.

Don't forget if you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to pop in and see us!