



Miss Arkley's Year 1 Class AUTUMN TERM 1



Dear Parents,

We hope you have had a wonderful, restful holiday and you are raring to start a new year full of exciting opportunities and fun. Our topic for this half term is "The Great Outdoors". We will be looking at the area we live in and go to school in and learning to appreciate the world around us. As you would expect, there will be a focus on well-being, building resilience and ensuring that your child is settled and happy to learn. We cannot wait to see you all!!

PE kits

Children are to bring their PE kit in with them to keep on their peg and change into for PE. We will send it home at half term to be washed over the holidays. Here is a reminder of the agreed PE uniform.

Our agreed PE uniform

<u>PE uniform</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• White t-shirt• Dark shorts (navy blue or black)• Dark tracksuit bottoms (navy blue or black for the colder weather)• Suitable footwear, e.g sandshoes• School jumper (if cold)

Homework

- Reading- children to read at home and have reading diaries signed. This includes school reading books, library books and reading for pleasure books
- Spellings - children to learn their weekly spellings for their test on Friday.
- Maths - maths activity on seesaw relating to mental maths skills. If needed, a hard copy of the activity can be sent out.

Reading at Home

Children will be given 1/2 books each week and they must have their diary signed to say they have read both of their books before they can be changed on a MONDAY. This forms part of your child's weekly homework. Please send reading diaries and books to school each day so we can read with your child.

Water bottles

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school **every day**.

Supporting your child at home

Encourage use of useful websites on the school website under children/useful websites KS1. Please support your child in reading the 'Harder to Read and Spell' words at home and practice any phonics your child is unsure of. Helping your child with counting to and back from 100 and encouraging them to write at home; helping write shopping lists or notes for people and supporting them with their letter formation.

We need your help!

We will be spending a lot of time outdoors and exploring our outdoor environment. If you have any gardening items such as gloves or trowels, seeds, garden decorations such as windmills, bird feeders, wellies, bird boxes or planters that you could donate for our outdoor area they would be very much appreciated.

We are sure that your child will settle in very well. However, if you have any concerns please let me or Miss Turner know and we will help any way we can.

Thank you and we can't wait to see you all!
Miss Arkley and Miss Turner