



Infant School Newsletter Monday 9th January 2017

Welcome back and a Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and all of the KS1 staff would like to say a great big thank you for our wonderful gifts. The Children have settled back into the routine of the school day well and we have loved hearing the children's news from over the Christmas break and all about their new year's resolutions.

This week we will be:

- Reading and learning about the story of The Jolly Postman
- Learning about what happens to our letters and writing a recount of a Journey of a letter
- Adding and Subtracting in maths
- Developing our coordination and movement skills in PE
- Continuing with our Science Lessons
- Sounding out and blending in phonics

Homework

Homework will be starting back this week. Homework is given out on a Friday and is to be handed in by the following Wednesday.

Reading with your child

Reading daily at home with your child is part of our daily homework expectation and is an incredibly valuable activity to support your child with their learning.

Moving Book Bands

If your child is reading confidently and fluently at home you may wish them to move onto the next band. Please write this in your child's reading record and we will ensure that they move onto the next level.

However, please remember that children develop at different times and children in the same class will be on different book bands. Children should be allowed to 'wallow' in the stories and feel successful and confident and enjoy being able to read. There is a wealth of stories for the children to read in each band and it is important that they are able to have as much exposure to different texts as possible.

Moving children onto the next band before they are ready can be extremely detrimental to some children as they never feel success as a reader. They just move from one challenge to another without gaining confidence in their own ability. Reading becomes a chore and then they don't want to participate anymore.

PE Kits

We would like to remind you to please send back your child's PE kits for their PE lessons this week.

Cooking

There will be no Forest School this half term. The children will be beginning their cooking sessions this week. Your child will need to bring with them a named apron/shirt and a lidded container on Monday (Y1 Cedar), Tuesday (Y1 Elm) and Thursday (Y2). Please be aware that the children may sometimes eat what they have made while at school, so may not take anything home that week!

Dates for your diary

10th February - Break up for half term

20th February - Return to school

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards

The Infant School team