

Class 1

Well the summer is clearly over and before we know it Christmas will soon be upon us! Yet before all of that we've got a fun-packed term to get through! So welcome to new parents and welcome back to the Year 1 parents, this is the overview to what your child will be covering throughout the Autumn term and additional information to help the term run smoothly. This term is all about getting your child to settle into their new year group to enable them to progress to the best of their ability. I am looking forward to getting to know you and working together so that we have a very exciting and productive year.

Yours Sincerely,
Mrs Hanley



Reading books

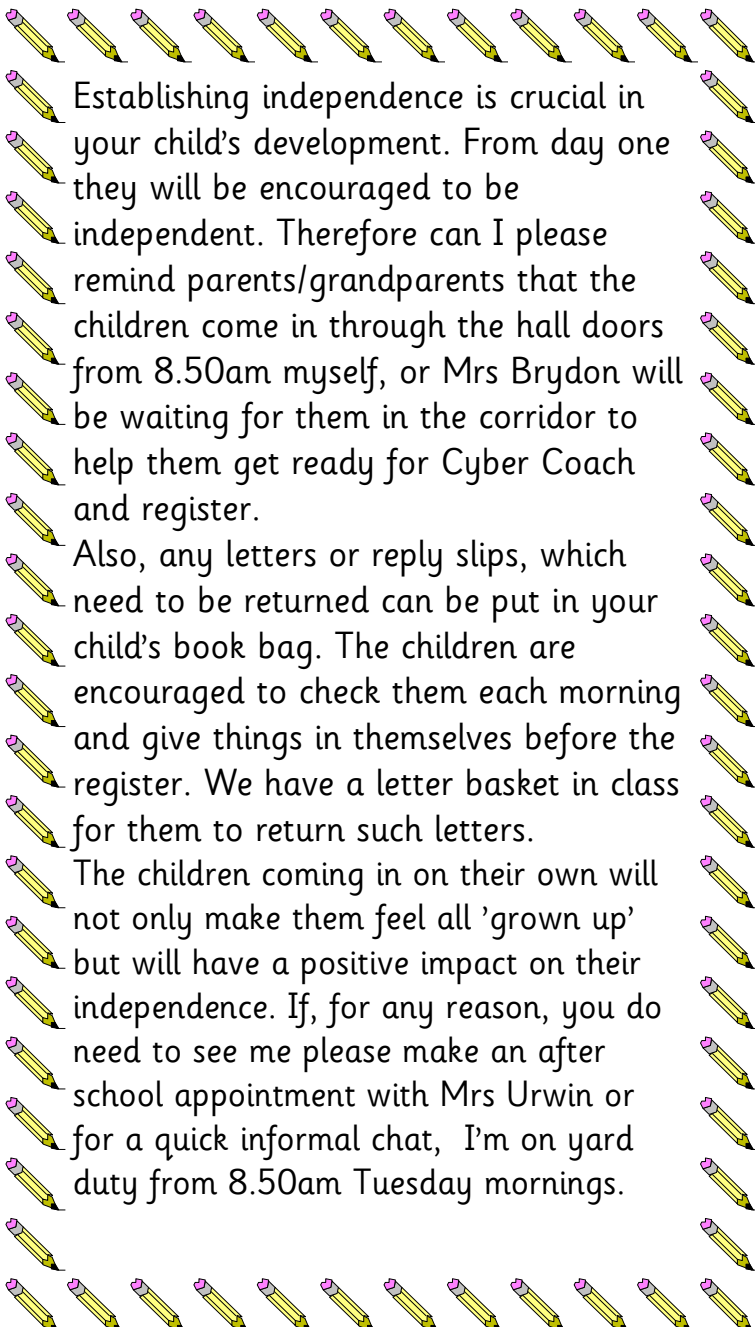
Reading books are to go home every night. Listening to your child read regularly really enables them to progress, not only in reading but also other areas of Literacy. Please use www.bugclub.co.uk to access additional books, they have already brought home their logging on details. This website is extremely beneficial and also has numeracy activities for your child to help them practise basic skills.

Water bottles - Please ensure bottles used in class have your child's name on and are taken home at the end of each day to be cleaned to avoid the spreading of germs. Flavoured water is not permitted.



Outdoor Shoes - If your child hasn't already done so could they please bring in some outdoor shoes; such as wellies to enable them to play on the field even if it's wet.

To avoid potential clothing mix ups please could you write your child's name on ALL of their clothing , P.E. kit, gym & outdoor shoes, jumpers, t shirts, etc.



Curriculum Overview

Literacy - Throughout the term we will be looking at acquiring a range of skills such as speaking and listening and drama from all genres. Daily Phonics sessions will link in with spellings. These will be done in their 'Sound Books' will go out each week and their learning will be reviewed on Friday. The children in Reception will also be bringing home sound books please take the time to help your child practise these sounds and writing these letters as each week they will be given the opportunity to show what they have done at home in class. If you would like a cursive alphabet strip or name card for your child in the joined up font so they can practise and you know how we are teaching them by all means just ask. This cursive style was introduced in January and has been really successful, even in Reception!

Numeracy - Daily reinforcement of basic number skills and facts through various teaching methods such as games, partner work and independent challenges. Homework linked into the area being covered will go out on a Friday and is to be returned on the following Tuesday. Children in Reception will occasionally be given homework or more practicals tasks to do to help reinforce key skills, any additional work on counting and recording numbers 0-10 would be fabulous, beyond 10 when they are secure with this would be superb!

Science - The unit we will cover this term 'Animals including humans', this will tie in with our 'Who am I?' topic. Sessions will involve discussions, investigations and virtual experiments. In addition to this the children will be taking part in the 'Forest Schools' initiative in which we learn different skills using the outdoors - so please, please, please make sure your child has brought their wellies in for Fridays.

R.E. - The topics we will cover this term are 'Myself', 'Welcome' and 'Birthdays' but please see the parents leaflet for more details. We will also spend time looking at Judaism in our Other Faiths Week.

P.E. - Our allotted times for the hall are Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Could I please ask that your child keeps a complete kit (white t-shirt & navy/black shorts) in school at all times. The children in Reception will be going swimming on Thursday mornings, accompanied by Mrs Brydon, please keep the swimming rota handy so you know when your child is due to go. Swimming kits consist of costume/trunks, swimming hat and towel. On swimming days can we advise warm coats and girls to avoid wearing tights.

Computing - The children will have the opportunity to practice their skills through other subjects such as Numeracy, Literacy, and Creativity. They will use various forms of technology such as laptops, iPads, microphones and cameras.

Music - Sofia from The SAGE will continue to come into school on a weekly basis to help deliver our music curriculum. Exploring sounds through singing, percussion and ICT will all be covered throughout the year.

Creativity Topic - This cross curricular approach helps link all subjects (Art, D&T, Geography & History) together under a theme. Our topic title this term is 'Who am I?'. Within this topic we will look at homes and toys from the past and then the festivals we celebrate after half term.

Foundation Stage children will be included in some of the above sessions, where appropriate and at their level. Their basic skills in Literacy and Numeracy will be practised daily either as a whole group, in pairs or one on one. Learning through play is a huge part of this age range and the children will experience this daily.