



From all of us in Year 1, we hope you had a lovely Christmas holidays.

Happy New Year to you all!

Reading

Parents and grandparents are welcome to join us in the mornings from 8:30am up until 8:45am. This allows time for you to come in and join us for our first lesson on an informal basis. During this time, the children will engage in reading which would be a great opportunity for you to share a love of reading with your child; alongside, giving your child some time to share their learning with you.

Please read with your child daily (5/10 minutes) at home. We really appreciate your support in completing the reading diaries so that we can see when a book has been completed.

Please ensure that reading books and diary's are brought into school daily.



Topic - Minibeasts

The lessons this term will be based around the topic of minibeasts chosen by the children. The children will engage with their natural environment to search for different minibeasts.

In English, the children will describe different minibeasts and all of our books will have a focus on insects including 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson. The children will also learn a new poem called 'The Worm'. In Maths, we will be learning more about numbers to 50 and addition and subtraction within 20. In Science, they will be working scientifically through asking questions about what insects they find. They will also be learning about different plants and trees they might find. In D&T, we will be designing, making and evaluating our own bug hotel. In Art, we will focus on drawing different insects. In Geography, the children will learn more about their local area this term and where our school is located.



Homework

Please see the separate homework sheet for the optional homework tasks. Spellings are due in every Friday and the children will be tested every week. Please read with your child everyday at home - this will benefit your child enormously.

PE

Our PE lesson will be on a Wednesday.

The children will need :

- Blue shorts
- Pale blue polo shirt
- Pumps or trainers

No earrings or watches to be worn at all.

Water Bottles

Please can children bring their own water bottle in to school every day. This really saves precious learning time as children can access these from the classroom when they are thirsty.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to one of us at the end of the day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Latham, Mrs Cawley and Miss O'Neill

