

Year One

Terms 1 & 2
2020

Newsletter



Welcome back (finally!) We are so pleased to be back in school with a full class, it has been a strange time not seeing the children for such a long time and then having the Summer holidays. We hope you are all well and are pleased to be returning to school. As you know through the information Mr Johnson has sent you there are changes to the school day which we will all get used to in time. We hope you have managed to enjoy some family time and are ready for the changes Year 1 will bring. I will be teaching the class full time and we have Mrs Ashburn as our class TA and Mrs Addington will come in to support the children in the mornings. We are lucky to have a good team to help your children with their learning. Should you wish to talk with us about anything you are unsure of or concerns you may have please do not hesitate to pop in after school.

Thank you, Miss Moors

Important Dates:

End of Term 1:
23rd October

Start of Term 2:
2nd November

End of Term 2:
18th December

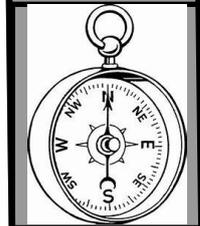


The theme for this term is 'Our Local Area'. We will be doing lots of work around this subject, beginning with discussion about what is within walking distance of our school and going on a local area walk. We will learn about old and new Ashford, who lives and works in our local area and what houses and shops there are. We will base much of our English work around this topic and will focus on correct letter formation, use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, adjectives and sentence openers. In Maths we begin with place value and in Year 1 this is working with numbers up to 20.

We will be sorting and counting objects, reading and writing numbers, counting forwards and backwards, counting one more and one less, comparing groups and numbers using the inequality symbol and ordering groups of objects and numbers. We will also recap on 2D and 3D shapes before moving onto addition and subtraction. We will begin to have our ICT lessons with Mrs Rogers which starts with accessing the Internet in term 1 and Microsoft Word in term 2. We have Team Theme coaches leading our PE lessons. Our Science unit of work this term will be Our Bodies, we will be naming body parts and learning about the five senses.

Blogs

We will add to our class blog weekly so please look at this on our website to see what we have been doing!



Pelicans will have PE on Fridays. Please remember to send your child to school in their PE kit on this day. Please make sure all clothes that come to school are named. We will be learning about Multi-Skills and Basketball this term in PE.



Emotional wellbeing

This will be a priority for us and through PSHE, stories and scenarios we will try our best to ensure your child is as happy as they can be in school.

It has been an unsettling time for the children with some feeling it more than others. Being mindful, kind, resilient and recognising their own strength of character will be encouraged and built upon.

Home Learning & Reading

Home learning will continue to be set on a Thursday and as Mr Johnson has said it is most likely to be on Seesaw. Hopefully the children used Seesaw in Year R but as this seems like a long time ago now we will remind them how to respond to a set activity in school before setting their home learning. We will respond to their work through this app.

Children will be given a banded reading book to bring home each night to read. These must be brought into school daily so the children can read in class and we can check they have read and change it on for a new one. Our library day will be on a Monday. **We need your support to ensure your children are the best readers they can be so please read regularly, discuss the book being read and ask questions to make sure your child is understanding what they are reading.**

We will also be sending home high frequency words so that your child can practise reading and writing them at home.

Changes to the school day

These are all outlined in the information guide Mr Johnson has sent to you. There are many small changes that we will all get used to. Children will be expected to wash their hands at regular set intervals, they will attend the library in groups of 10 rotating.

Water Bottles
Please make sure a named water bottle comes to school each day with your child.