

Year 1 - Reading / Phonics

Throughout each week this term, all the children will have lots of opportunities to work on and continue to develop their reading skills. Most days we will have a Reading Skills session and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings we will also have Read Write Inc sessions where the children will continue to develop their reading and writing skills.



All children will also have regular opportunities to read for pleasure throughout the week during Reading Skills sessions in the afternoons.



We will be working hard on Phonics throughout the whole of this school year to ensure that your child is ready when they need to take the Year 1 Phonics Screen in June of next year.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**PE - lessons will be outside whenever it is possible - weather permitting.
Children will need an outdoor kit - tracksuit bottoms, jumper and trainers as well as their normal PE kit of shorts and t-shirt.**

Spellings will continue to be given out on a weekly basis to your child and they will be tested on them every Monday morning during their Read Write Inc session. Please support your child with these at home by practising them on a regular basis.

Homework will be given out every Friday for your child to complete and return the following week. The homework will alternate between Maths and English tasks.

Please can you support your child with their reading - listen to them at least 4 times a week - as stated in the school policy - and record this in their reading diaries.

YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER

Space

Class Teacher
Mrs Halden



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

We hope that you all had a restful half term holiday. We welcome you and your child/children back to Whaplode C of E Primary School.

This half term our topic will be all about space and you can find more information about our curriculum in this newsletter. Throughout the term you can also see what the children do whilst in school on the school website by looking on our class page.

We were excited to see the children's homework projects and will look forward to displaying them in the school hall and our classroom for everyone to see and enjoy. Thank you for supporting your child with these projects.

Our class routines for reading, spellings and homework are outlined in this newsletter, but if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to ask.

We hope that the children are all ready to work as hard as they did last term so that they can keep progressing and achieving to the best of their ability.

Mrs Halden

OUR CURRICULUM THIS TERM

Space

In English this term, the children will be reading the book *The Darkest Dark* written by Chris Hadfield.

We will be looking at the structure of the text and rewriting it to create our own version. We will be looking at film footage of a rocket launch to inspire our writing. We will also be looking at, following and writing our own instructions.

In Maths, we will continue developing our number work by practicing accurate counting forwards and backwards up to 100 and beyond, counting in 5s and we will also be looking at addition and subtraction calculations, using the correct vocabulary and operations signs for these types of calculations. During space, shape and measure we will look at 2d and 3d shapes - identifying and naming them but also describing them using their different properties.

In Science, we will be investigating materials - what different types there are and why we use them for certain objects. Will they be suitable to build a space rocket? Or use in Space?

In History, we will be looking at the moon landing and what exactly happened on that monumental day in 1969. We will be looking at who Neil Armstrong was and why he is of importance when it comes to Space and the Moon. We will also be finding out about Tim Peake, the British astronaut and why he is important.

In Geography, we will look at some images that Tim Peake took whilst in Space and identify the physical features and famous landmarks that we can see.

In DT lessons, we will be designing and making a musical instrument that we can play.

PE lessons will be on a **Monday** afternoon and a **Thursday** morning. Please ensure all earrings are removed prior to this and **ALL** clothing is labelled with your child's name.