

## Year 1 Newsletter



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Is exploring important?

### Year 1 Homework and Spellings



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

We hope you have enjoyed a fantastic summer break. We are so excited to start our year with you. We have so many amazing adventures ahead of us!

In Connections sessions we will be delving into our new big question 'Is exploring important?'. In order to answer our question, we will be learning about events like the moon landing and the first people to climb Mount Everest. We are even going to go on a journey in our own space ship.

Thank you to those who have completed their homework over the summer. We can't wait to showcase of all of the children's hard work on display in the hall and the classroom.

You can find out more information about our curriculum within this newsletter. Please look at our class page on the school website to see what we have been learning about during the school day.

We are looking forward to working with you and your children over the next year. We hope to have many exciting and enjoyable learning experiences together.

Miss Goulding and Miss Hume

As well as reading 4 four times a week which is in line with our school policy the children will also need to complete homework and spellings.

Your child's homework and spellings will be uploaded to Microsoft Teams each Friday. Please ensure your child's homework is handed in by Thursday so we can give any feedback.

Please email a picture of completed homework to [Whaplode.Y1@Southlincs-hub.co.uk](mailto:Whaplode.Y1@Southlincs-hub.co.uk)

Please follow our class Twitter page. You can find us @WhaplodeYear1

### Reading, spelling and phonics information

At the start of this term your child will be assessed to see which levels they are at for their reading and phonic knowledge. This will help us to ensure that they work within the appropriate Read Write Inc group for their ability. Once we have this information Read Write Inc will begin. These lessons will be on a Monday,

Tuesday and Wednesday morning. These sessions will help to prepare your child for the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check.

Please make sure your child's reading book and record are in school every day.

We will also have Reading Skills sessions throughout the week which will help to develop your child's comprehension and understanding of the texts that they are reading.

A spelling assessment will be completed. Once assessed, spellings will be sent home for your child to practise. They will have a spelling test every Monday morning during their Read Write Inc lessons.

### PE

Year 1 will have PE on a Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure the children arrive at school in PE kits and have earrings removed prior to these sessions.

For PE a T-shirt, shorts, jumper and trainers will be needed.

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In English, the children will continue to participate in Read Write Inc phonics sessions three times a week. We will also continue to have regular reading skills sessions which will take place during the afternoons to develop fluency and comprehension. In writing skills lessons we will be focusing on sentence writing ensuring that we are consistently using capital letters, finger space and full stops.

In Maths we will begin by working on counting, ordering, reading and writing numbers within 100. Alongside this we will be developing the children's understanding of mathematical vocabulary such as: equal to, more than and less than. Once the children have developed this deeper understanding we will move onto addition and subtraction.

In Science we will be learning about the different characteristics of animals. The children will become familiar with the common names of some fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including those that are kept as pets. We will be also be focusing on the human body and we will be learning to name main body parts through games, actions, songs and rhymes.

In Connections this term we will be developing our understanding of the big question 'Is exploring important?'. To be able to answer the question we will be learning about key historical people and events. We will begin by learning about Neil Armstrong and the first moon landing. This will then allow us to look at the earth from space and develop our geographical knowledge about the world's seven continents and 5 oceans. We will then begin to look at where we live and explore the 4 countries that make up the United Kingdom.

In RE this term we will be exploring Christianity with a focus on God and the Bible. The children will begin by discussing and exploring their own perception of what God is like. We will then be learning about different bible stories like the 'Parable of the Lost Sheep' and 'Jonah and the Whale' to deepen the children's understanding of what God is like.