

February 2024

Dear families,

Term 4 Information for Year 1

We hope that you enjoyed the half-term break. Please see below for important dates and information which will be relevant for this term.

- **P.E.** will be on **Tuesday and Friday**. Please send children to school dressed in their PE kit. We will endeavour to be outside as much as possible, so please ensure children are dressed appropriately for the weather.
- **Reading:** We will change children's reading books **every week on Friday**. Children are expected to read at least 4 times per week. Please record any reading your child does at home in their reading record, as these will be checked by class teachers on a weekly basis – this can just be the date and your name or a smiley face. Each week children have the chance to win a book if they read more than two times. It is vital that children are read with at home as well as in school so that they make expected progress in their reading abilities. Class teachers will be contacting families to check in and see if there is anything we can do to help if reading is not consistently happening at home.
- **Open Door Morning and Phonics Watch:** We invite you to join us for our next Open Door Morning on Friday 1st March from 8:25-8:45 to look through the incredible learning Year 1 have been doing over the past term. You are also welcome to stay for a phonics session in your child's classroom from 8:45 – 9:10 to give insight into the way early reading is taught in Year 1 and to support your reading at home.
- **Books and biscuits:** We will be running a short afterschool reading club **every Tuesday and Thursday**. This is a chance to read with your child straight after school for 10 minutes, after which they can have a biscuit. This is particularly beneficial for reluctant readers at home.
This will start from Tuesday 20th February.
- **Uniform** – Please ensure children are wearing correct school uniform every day – see the school website for details of this. Ensure all uniform, packed lunches, drink bottles, PE kit, etc. is labelled clearly. We will continue to go outside for break and lunch times so coats, hats and gloves will be needed in the colder weather.
- **Milk** – Children in Year 1 can pay to have milk at break time. Let your class teacher know if you require a letter.
- **Enrichment** – In our learning as historians this term we would like to invite members of our Year 1 community to share stories about their childhood. This will help the children engage with the concept of chronology in a relevant and engaging way. During the first weeks of term, we will send a letter out to invite any parents, grandparents, or other family members to join us for an hour one afternoon. We will also be asking for photos of immediate family members to help children create a family tree and timeline.

- **World Book Day** – is on Thursday 7th March and we will celebrate with a full day dedicated to reading. Details will follow soon in a school communication.

Important Dates:

Date	Event
Monday 19 February	First Day of Term 4
From Tuesday 20 February	Books and Biscuits club (after school for 10 minutes every Tuesday and Thursday)
Friday 1 March	Open Door Day 08.25am-08.50am and Phonics Session from 08.50am
Thursday 7 March	World Book Day
Monday 18 March – Friday 22 March	Travelling Book Fair
Thursday 21 March	Parents/ Carers Evening 15:30-19:00
Tuesday 26 March	Parents/ Carers Evening 15:30-18:30
Thursday 28 March	Last Day of Term 4
Monday 15 April	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 16 April	First Day of Term 5

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Year 1 team.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 1 Team