

February 2023

Dear families

### Term 4 Information for Year 1.

Welcome back to school! We hope that you enjoyed the winter holidays. Please see below for important dates and information which will be relevant for this term.

- **P.E.** will be on **Monday** and **Wednesday**. 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**. Children should bring their reading book and reading record into school every day. Children will bring home one phonetically decodable book appropriate for their reading level which they will be able to read independently, and one 'sharing' book to share with the family. Children will not be expected to read the sharing book independently: the purpose is to expose children to a variety of stories, vocabulary, and knowledge. 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: a brief note, your initials or a sticker is fine. If you have any questions about reading with your child, please speak to a member of the team.
- **Bookbags and backpacks:** Please can we encourage children to bring bookbags instead of backpacks into school. Bookbags fit into the children's drawers and helps to keep the garden room a trip free zone. If your child needs spare clothes, they can bring a small backpack in and hang it up on their peg.
- **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 and have a biscuit afterwards. This is particularly beneficial for reluctant readers at home. Siblings are more than welcome to join, either reading quietly or using our colouring resources.
- **Uniform** – Please ensure all uniform, packed lunches, drink bottles, hats, etc. are labelled clearly.

### Learning to Learn at home:

- **Reading:** Children are expected to read at least 4 times per week. Our reading raffle incentive is continuing this year and the children love having the chance to win a book! Every child who reads in a week will get one raffle ticket and if they read four times, they will get two! These raffle tickets will be drawn weekly and give the children the chance to win a book that they get to keep.
- **Learning task:** We will set 1 x ten-minute learning task every Friday. This could be handwriting practise, spelling practise using a newly learned sound, or a maths challenge. We will put information on Seesaw each week.

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**Important dates:**

Date	Event
Tuesday 28 February	Kingswood Museum visits Year 1
Tuesday 28 February	PJ Story Night for World Book Day
Wednesday 1 March	World Book Day
Friday 3 March 08:30-08:50	Lower School Open Door
Monday 27 February – Friday 3 March	World Book Week
Monday 13 – Friday 17 March	Travelling Book Fair
Monday 13 – Friday 17 March	British Science Week
Tuesday 14 March	CLF Big Day of Maths
Thursday 23 March	Sid's Safari visits Year 1
Thursday 23 March 15:30-19:00 Tuesday 28 March 15:30-18.30	Parents' and Carers' Evening Parents' and Carers' Evening (Letter to follow)
Friday 31 March	Last day of Term 4

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.

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