

The move from Reception Class into Year 1 means quite a lot of changes for the children. We will do everything we can to make these changes as easy as possible and we hope the children enjoy their time in Year 1!

We look forward to a lot of fun and learning throughout the year!

Many thanks

Mrs Leanne Nesbitt & Mrs Joanne Stones



Welcome to Year





## Reading

**Reading books** will usually be changed on a **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. The children will be given a new book each of these days from the appropriate reading level which reinforces their learning in phonics sessions. We encourage you to read with your child every day, even if it is for a short amount of time eg. 10 mins. We will also allocate additional reading activities through the Bug Club website to supplement this learning.

Please sign and write a comment in your child's **Reading Record Book**. *If you would like your child to keep the book for additional practise, please indicate in this book.* Children will earn points and stickers for changing their reading books on each of the days. If your child has a signature three times per week for every week of the half term then they will receive a small prize.

It is important for your child to read through a new book decoding as independently as possible and then to have the opportunity to re-read the book more fluently (this is why we do not change the books daily). When your child is reading the book more fluently you could ask some simple questions to check their understanding of the story or information.

The book that your child brings home is **not** the book or text that



## Homework

We consider daily reading at home, phonics and spelling practise as homework. We may occasionally, *if it is appropriate* to the weeks work we may give out a small amount of **homework** in a different form. This will be given on a **Friday** and is to be handed in by the **following Thursday**. This will usually be a maths and/or English based activity sheet. (We will not give homework at the beginning of the term, instead we will wait until



## Spellings

A list of **spellings** will be sent home each week on a **Friday**. Please practise these regularly and encourage your child to write the spellings down in the book given. We have a spelling check the **following Friday**. We will indicate spellings that your child has got correct with a tick and any mistakes with a dot on the list in your child's home spelling book so that you can see how they have done and go over any mistakes. Please ensure the book is in school every Friday for a new list to be entered.



## P.E.



We have PE on **Mondays and Thursdays**. Please bring PE bags at the beginning of the term and they will be sent home half termly. If you would like to wash it more regularly then please remind your child to bring it home or call in but please ensure you send it back in time for your child's next PE lesson!

## Water Bottles

Water bottles are available throughout the day for when your child needs a drink. We have a tap in the classroom where your child can re-fill their bottle with fresh water during break times when they wish. Water bottles will be sent home on a Friday to be washed thoroughly over the weekend. Please ensure that you send them back on a Monday morning filled with **water**.

Children in Year 1 receive free fruit daily which children