



Welcome Back

Firstly, can I say what a pleasure it has been to work with Year 1 over the past two weeks. They are full of enthusiasm and I have been particularly impressed at how kind they have been to each other. It is so important to work in partnership with yourselves and if you would like to speak to me, please let Mrs. Berry know on the gate and I will contact you via phone or arrange a meeting with you. Alternatively, you are welcome to see me at the end of the school day when I have released all of the children.

I am sure you will be pleased to know that we will be continuing with Tapestry in Year 1 beginning in the very near future. Please would you be so kind as to let the office know if you need any assistance with login details and we will let you know via the PiP letter when we are ready to start using Tapestry in Year 1. This week English and Maths homework has been set for your child on IXL. IXL is an interactive learning platform that can be accessed via a computer, tablet or smartphone. You can access it either through navigating to this address <https://uk.ixl.com/signin> or by downloading the app in the appropriate app store. You will receive your child's login via parentmail on Friday (along with their Purple Mash and Times Table Rock Stars logins). Each week when you log in you will see that your child has been assigned work to complete. Teachers will be able to monitor progress, view work and see how long children have been using IXL. This will then allow them to provide personalised learning for your child and clearly identify the next steps needed in their progress. The expectation is that children should spend 20 minutes each week on the tasks.

Maths

In maths this week (and we will continue over the next few weeks), we have been investigating numbers, the children have been involved in activities such as one more than, one less than, using number lines and counting forwards and backwards.

English

This week in class the children have been looking at fairy tales and thinking about the characters in the stories. We have been sequencing Cinderella and have explored the story in some depth.

Topic

In geography we have been looking at the features of our school and the surrounding area. Why not have a go at asking the children about physical and human features.

Spellings

Please find below the spelling list for Year 1 this week. On the front of your child's reading record there is a sticker which says which tells your child which spelling list to work from. This week we have been looking at sounds f and s spelt ff and ss. The spelling test will be on a Friday afternoon each week.

Hazel	Willow	Oak
the	off	off
puff	puff	puff
sniff	sniff	sniff
to	no	miss
hiss	hiss	hiss
less	less	less
no	go	if
go	the	us
I	he	bus

REMINDERS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION...

The children have been very organized and I'm impressed at how mature they are. They were very good when changing for PE, but, as you can imagine with 30 pairs of shoes, shirts etc. there is potential to lose things! Please would you double check your child's name is in all their clothes (PE and uniform) to ensure they wear the correct clothes, this is of course vital at the moment as we do not want a child to have somebody else's item of clothing.

Thank you for your support with this, Mrs Batten, Mrs Wilkins and Mrs Gardner