



Year 1 Newsletter - Autumn 2

Reading Books:

Most children in the class are doing brilliantly with their reading books and they are making super progress with their comprehension skills as well - we are continuing to support a love of reading as much as possible. Those reading lots and lots are also being given 'recommended reads' which are additional books they can choose to take home. Please continue to support your child at home with this. Books will be changed at least twice weekly.

Wow! Where did that first half-term disappear to. What a great start to the year it was!! I very much hope that your child is feeling far more settled and is enjoying their time in Year 1 now that we have begun our second term together. I really did enjoy getting to know them all properly last half-term and it is clear to see that I have a fantastic group of children, all with wonderful personalities and some really great strengths! This next half-term promises to be super exciting; Christmas and our Nativity Play will be here before you know it!! Myself, Mrs Snowden and Mrs Mayor thank you for all your support so far and we continue to enjoy working with your children; let's make these next few weeks as fun as possible!

Mr Atkinson

OTHER CURRICULUM SUBJECTS:

Science - Everyday materials - identification
Art and Design - Painting, colour mixing; Artist: Georgia O'Keeffe
DT - Mechanisms
Computing - Pictograms and Technology outside of school
History - The Gunpowder Plot
PE - Gymnastics and Dance
Music - Charanga and The Christmas Play
PSHE - Safe Relationships and Respecting Ourselves and Others
RE - Christianity: Why is Jesus special to Christians?



ENGLISH:

Phonics - Daily sessions focussing on Phases 3-5
Revision of key words and tricky words, including those on our Year 1 spelling list
Spelling - Daily sessions within phonics
Reading - Continues to be both individual, with their own reading books, and through group-guided sessions
Handwriting - Lots of fine motor skills as well as practising our cursive handwriting style.
Writing - Tasks based around the story - 'Astro Girl' by Ken Wilson-Max

MATHS:

We worked very hard on our Place Value last half-term.

This half-term our topics are:
Add / Subtract; 2D and 3D Shape;
Sorting; Measures; Money and Time

How you can help at home:

- **Attendance** - excellent attendance at school is essential for the children to be successful in their learning.
- **Reading** - 'little and often' at home will really help the children make good progress throughout the year.
- **Communication** - please make myself (or one of the other adults working with your child) aware of any events which may impact on your child's well-being in school.
- **Home Learning** - Our Homework books support our learning in school - please support your child with the tasks and activities they are given each week ... many thanks in advance!!

INFORMATION, DATES & REMINDERS:

Homework book - **Fridays**

Library books - **TBC**

Reading Folders - **Everyday** (books changed at least twice a week)

Website - Follow the link to our class page on the school website:
<https://www.clifton-pri.lancs.sch.uk/year-1>

PE Days - **Tuesdays and Fridays** - please remember to send your children to school in their kits!

Parents Evenings: 26th and 28th Nov.