



Year 1 Newsletter - Spring 1

Reading Books (including Library books):

The majority of children continue to do 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.

'Recommended reads' are still being given out to those children who are reading lots and now we have finally been able to re-introduce Library Books again which will be changed every Tuesday! Home books will be changed as often as possible!

A very belated Happy New Year to you all! And if we didn't manage to see you to thank you in person, huge thanks for any of the gifts and cards we received from you and your children at the end of last term - I hope it was a wonderful Christmas for everyone!

What a great start to the new year it has been!! As we begin this exciting new term together, I can already see just how much 'growing up' and what great progress your children are making on our journey through Year 1 together. We have introduced some new ideas and some new ways of working in class this last week, trying to give them all some extra responsibility for their own learning, and they have all embraced these so wonderfully well.

Myself, Mrs Snowden and Mrs Mayor thank you for your continued support and as always, we will try to make these next few weeks as fun as possible for all of the children in Year 1!

Mr Atkinson

OTHER CURRICULUM SUBJECTS:

Science - Animals including Humans - Identification and Habitats
Art and Design - Flora and Fauna - Can minibeasts inspire Art?
French - Colours and Numbers
Computing - Lego-builders
Geog. - Hot and Cold - Where is the hottest place in the World?
PE - Gymnastics and Dance
Music - Music Explorers and BBC Storyland
PSHE - Belonging to a Community / 'My Happy Mind' - Celebrate
RE - Islam: Beliefs about creation and how these affect the way that people treat the world?



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!!

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 stories:

'The Odd Egg' by Emily Gravett and

'The Owl and the Pussycat' by E. Lear

MATHS:

We worked very hard on lots of 'Number' and 'Shape' topics last term.

This half-term our topics are:

Place Value; 2D and 3D Shape; Mass; Money and Time, Multiply and Divide

INFORMATION, DATES & REMINDERS:

Homework book - **Fridays**

Library books - **Tuesdays**

Reading Folders - **Everyday**

Website - Follow the link to our class page on the school website:

<https://www.clifton-pri.lancs.sch.uk/year-1>

PE Days - **Wednesdays and Fridays**

* please note that one of our PE days has changed from a Tuesday to a Wednesday and remember to send your children to school in their kits!

Half-term ends: Friday 14th Feb.