

Autumn Term – Year 1

Welcome to Year 1. We hope you all enjoyed the summer and managed to keep everyone amused during the long break! We are really looking forward to starting the school year and having a busy classroom again. We have plenty of things happening in this autumn term so we thought we would keep everyone up to date with our plans.

Reading and Spellings

Your child will bring home a reading book and their diary every night. It would be appreciated if you could spend 10 minutes listening to them read and making a brief comment in the diary. It is vital that your child spends time reading aloud to another adult to help encourage them to sound out letters and blend letters correctly and also begin to read with some expression. **Please could reading books and diaries be kept inside the plastic book bag, we will change books on a Monday but it is vital that books and diaries are in school every day.**

Additionally, your child will also bring home words to learn which they will be tested on with an adult. Again, it is very important the children spend time learning these words as not only will it aid their reading but it is a step towards them also spelling these words in independent writing. Spelling books will come home on a Monday but only need to be returned Friday.

Listening Lola

Your child will probably remember taking part in ‘Listening Lola’ activities when they were in Reception. In year 1, each child will be given the chance to take Lola home for the weekend as a reward for good listening in class. Lola has her own special diary to accompany her for your child to record with photographs, words and pictures of any activities they have done together. We then share this news with the class on Monday mornings.

P.E Kit, Sweatshirts and Water

Please make sure your child’s P.E kit is named and is in all week for our lessons which will take place on a **Tuesday** and a **Thursday**. Each child is allowed to bring a bottle of water (with a lid on) to drink throughout the day and this can be left in the classroom. It would also be appreciated if all sweatshirts could be named as this will save many arguments after play time and P.E.

School Website

As you know, we now have a very successful school website which is a great place for parents to find information about the school and upcoming events and it is also a valuable resource full of links to educational games and activities for the children. We will regularly update our class page with photos and comments about what your child has been doing in school as well as posting information about topics we are covering. www.st-laurenceprimary.com

Autumn Term Topics

This half term our main topic is ‘All About Me’ and in science we will be learning about our senses. In the second half term we will be learning about ‘Famous Events and People’ and looking at ‘Seasonal Changes’ in science. For more information and to see what we will be covering in each subject, please have a look at our topic webs on the school website.

Thank You

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