



Hartwell Primary School

Class 1 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope you have had a lovely time over the summer and you feel ready to start the new school year in Class 1! It is fabulous to see all of the children back in the classroom after what has been a very strange year and I have to say I am so impressed with how the children have settled into Class 1 routines already.

Transition from Reception to Year 1

Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from the Foundation Stage to Key Stage One. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Reception and the children will gradually be eased into more formal learning as the year goes on.

Morning Routines

When the children come into school in the morning they will transition from free flow activities to morning work places where they will complete a morning task such as writing a sentence or practising number work.

PE Kits and water bottles.

The children will be participating in PE on a **Wednesday and Thursday** so please ensure that your child has their fully named PE kit (red shorts and white t-shirt), including plimsolls/trainers, on these days. PE lessons will be taking place outside as much as possible over the next few months so it may be a good idea to send a pair of tracksuit bottoms and spare jumper for when the days get a little bit chillier. On PE days please can children with long hair have it tied up and no jewellery. We also ask that your child either brings a water bottle to school each day or leaves one in the classroom as keeping hydrated is important for health and concentration. These should be taken home and washed every Friday to ensure they remain clean and hygienic.

Reading

The children have now all been issued with a new reading diary and will continue to bring reading books home. Home school diaries will be checked on a Monday morning and reading books changed as required. Please record reading in the diary on the day to day pages and make a short comment so that we know a book has been read. In line with our school policy it is expected that children will read at least 4 times at home. As we want to develop a love of reading, our show and tell will focus on our favourite books and why we love them.

Homework and Spellings

Spellings will be set and tested on a Friday; this will start in the next couple of weeks and will focus on the sound being taught during the following week. Spellings will also include common exception words for year 1. We do ask that these are regularly practised at home in the children's spelling books. Math homework packs will be introduced before the end of September, which will be checked on a two week cycle. The day for changing these will be a Monday. We ask that children complete each game at least twice before we change them. Please could you record when your child has completed each game in the book provided. Also over the next few weeks, I will put short videos on the class Dojo that you can share with your child, these will focus on something we have covered in class that the children can practice at home.

I am looking forward to getting to know you and working together so that we can have a very exciting and successful year. If you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to message me through Dojo or you can contact the school office and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Parker