



Welcome to Year 1 & 2!



Welcome back everyone!

It is great to see the children again and we would like to take this opportunity to say a big well done to them for their fantastic behaviour and positive attitudes to learning in Key Stage One. The *'Key Objectives'* that your child will be focusing upon during this academic year are attached to this letter. We have also attached a topic web and parent letter to provide you with more information about our exciting first topic 'Madagascar.' This letter details key information regarding phonics, reading, homework and general reminders. If you have any questions then please speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to meeting all of you. Best wishes,
Key Stage One Team

Reading & Phonics

The children will have lots of opportunities to read and enjoy books throughout the week; both at school and at home. Each child has a reading record and reading book, which will go home every day and be used in class every day. It is expected that children will be supported with reading at home as regularly as possible and this does form part of your child's 'homework.' Please sign their reading record when you hear them read, so they can work towards their reading awards.

Phonics is taught daily and in discrete sessions within each class. Children are taught at the 'phonic phase' that they are working at and they will also be supported with learning specific spelling rules appropriate to their year group. Please support your child's phonics at home through reading and writing. Further information and ideas of how to do this can be found on the school website in the *'Parent Area.'*

Maths & Topic Homework

We encourage all children to complete fun maths related activities at home to reinforce their learning of key concepts. There are many ideas on our website and the following link will take you to the webpage that includes activity suggestions for each year group, as well as recommended maths websites for both adults and children:

<https://lethbridgeschool.org.uk/curriculum/Maths.php>

Please note **Year 2 children** will be given weekly maths homework, which will be sent home next Friday in their homework folder. This should be returned to school in their homework folder by the following Wednesday.

At the start of each term, your child will be given the choice of a range of topic related activities that they have the *option* to complete and return to school by the end of term. The activities related to our new *'Madagascar'* topic are attached and we do encourage children to complete this topic related homework in exchange for a small prize.

The children will be given weekly spellings to practise (please see the 'Spelling Homework' information opposite).

Spelling Homework

All of the children will be given weekly spelling homework from next Friday onwards. These spellings will reinforce the phonics and spelling patterns that they have focused upon at school. These spellings will be sent home on a Friday in their homework folder for the children to practise on the enclosed *'Look, Cover Write, Check'* sheet. The children will be given an informal spelling quiz on the following Wednesday, which is when we would like the homework folders returned.

We are aware that some children have remaining high frequency words and keywords to learn to read. The lists of these words are available on your child's class page on our website for them to practise reading at home, in addition to them being taught at school.

We have also made the Year 1 and Year 2 Common Exception Words available on the class pages, as these are words that the children will focus on learning to read and write throughout their time in Key Stage One.

General Reminders

- Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every day and that all items are clearly labelled. Your child will need suitable warm clothing in case they are outside for PE and daps/trainers that fit!
- Each child will need to bring a bottle, containing water, into school every Monday. They will keep this in the classroom all week and it will be sent home on Friday. Each child will also be offered a snack of either fruit or veg every day.
- Start of the day – please ensure your child enters school through the designated door. If you are unsure please ask your child's teacher.
- End of the day – until we know all the parents/carers, please step forward and wave at the teacher when your child is at the door.