



ETHERLEY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 1 - Our work this term - Parent Information Sheet Spring Term - Mrs Jones and Mrs Wakes' Class. Our Topic - Transport.

Mathematics:	Using Singapore Maths we are focusing on addition, subtraction, problem solving, shape and space and ordering numbers.
English:	Developing skills in Reading, Speaking and Listening, Drama and Writing in line with the National Curriculum. Skills will be developed through our class text for this term which is 'Mr Gumpy's Outing' and 'The Train Ride'. Daily Phonics; consolidation of Phase 4 and Phase 5 sounds as well as learning to accurately read and spell Year 1 Common Exception Words.
Science:	Seasonal changes during Spring; Everyday Materials.
Homework	Reading books, homework (will be linked to learning in class during that week) and the continuation of spellings -please remember that learning these spellings is a requirement of the Year 1 Curriculum, if your child does not learn them, they will not pass.

The Phonics Screening Check will take place during the week beginning Monday 12th June 2017. Please avoid booking holidays during this week as we only have a limited amount of time to administer the test. If your child was unable to take the test in Year 1, they would need to repeat this in Year 2.

Your child will also experience a broad curriculum including:-

History	Transport, Timothy Hackworth -trains.
Geography	Local geography -Bishop Auckland and surrounding areas -including school grounds.
R.E.	The Easter story. What can we find out about Buddha?
I.C.T.	E-Safety
Art	Painting, collages, paper mache sculpture, observational drawings.
Design Technology	Cooking and Nutrition, healthy eating.
P.E.	Dance and Gymnastics
P.S.H.C.E.	Living in the wider world, Rights Respecting. Global Citizenship, Relationships, E-Safety, Eco-Schools and British Values.
Music	Playing Musical Instruments/percussion. Singing Music from around the world.

How you can help at home:

Your child will be given a home/school planner. These give you information about your child's Y1 class as well as suggestions on how you can help at home. At this age, it is vitally important that your child is able to read with an adult to develop their ability to read words on the page and understand and talk about a story. We would recommend that you read 'little and often' with your child; 10 minutes every day is much better than reading a whole book once a week. Please ensure that your child:

- Brings their home/school planner and reading book to school every day.
- Completes and returns homework tasks on time; homework is due in: **Tuesday** (Class 3) and **Wednesday** (Class 4).
- Pop you child's library book in their book bag the night before their weekly visit.
Class 3, Mrs Jones visit on a **Friday**
Class 4, Mrs Wakes visit on a **Wednesday**.
- Learns all the Year 1 Spellings, this is important in order to show that we have achieved this objective as part of our English assessment. **Therefore it is very important that you help your child to learn these spellings every week.**
- Has a bottle of water with them each day (please check it is named and filled at home, we will return these daily).

Things we need:

- P.E. kit suitable for outdoor or indoor lessons, to be left at school. P.E. takes place on Monday (Class 4) or Tuesday (Class 3).
- Names on **ALL** uniform and P.E. kit. If earrings are worn these must be small studs and your child will need to cover these with tape or have them removed at home .[Please send tape in for P.E. kit bag]
- School shoes and uniform to be worn. No nail varnish. Any objects/information to help with our topics (we will keep you informed).

Thank you, your help and support is very much appreciated. If you have any concerns please don't hesitate to contact us.

