



## Year 1's Newsletter

Summer 1 2024

**The Teachers in Year 1 are:** Mrs Pycroft and Miss Benson  
**The Teaching Assistants are:** Miss Webb and Mrs Stimpson.

### **Our Topic this Half Term is 'School Days'**

In the 'School Days' project, your child will learn about the differences between schooling in the Victorian era and schooling today. They will learn about objects found in a Victorian classroom and how they were used. They will research Samuel Wilderspin, an important figure in the development of schooling for young children in the Victorian era, whose ideals are reflected in schooling today. They will learn to describe the passage of time through study of past, present and future tense vocabulary.

#### **English**

This half term we will be learning how to write instructions for how to grow a fictional plant e.g. a money plant or a snowflake plan. The children will use time words (First, Next, Then), to order their instructions and they will use describing words (adjectives) and the conjunction 'and' to stretch their sentences and make them exciting to read.

Your child will also be writing a story about their 'ideal school'. They will draw upon their knowledge of what a Victorian school was like compared with what schools are like today.

#### **How you could help your child prepare for the topic...**

To help your child understand the passing of time, you could ask your children to use these time phrases in sentences;  
**today, yesterday, next week, in the future, last year.**

**You could do some research; here are some good sites/videos to use:** CBBC – The students get a Victorian schooling and BBC Bitesize – Who was Queen Victoria?

#### **Maths**

Our learning for this half term will be:

- Number and place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division
- Fractions
- Measure
- Position and direction

#### **General Reminders:**

**Home Learning:** Every Friday, children will receive their home learning via their email account on Purple Mash. This will consist of one maths task, one writing task and spellings. Please support your child in accessing the email and completing the tasks by the following Thursday.

**Reading:** Please listen to your child read at home each day and record this in their reading journal. This additional practice places a crucial role in increasing children's fluency and confidence. Please bring your reading book back on a **Wednesday** so that it can be given back out on a **Thursday**.

**PE: Both classes will have PE on a Tuesday and a Wednesday.**

Please ensure your child wears their school PE kit on these days. This should consist of: Plain white t-shirt, navy/black zip top or jumper, navy/black shorts/leggings/joggers or black pumps. Please ensure your child does not wear earrings to school on PE days.

#### **Water Bottles:**

Please make sure your child brings their bottle to school every day. They should contain water.

#### **Healthy Snack:**

A fruit snack is provided for all Year 1 children every day. Children are welcome to bring their own fruit snack to school. Items containing nuts and chocolate are not permitted.

#### **Useful Websites:**

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/reigate-de22>

<https://play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login/40309>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/pa>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

#### **Summer Dates for your Diary:**

15.04.24 – Summer 1 starts.

06.05.24 – Bank holiday.

23.5.24 – Last day of Summer 1.

24.5.24 – INSET Day.

03.06.24 – Summer 2 starts.

#### **Any other Information**

Please remember that if you have any concerns or worries about your child, contact a member of the team and we will happily arrange a time to meet with you to discuss and help.