

Sapphire Class

Autumn Term Newsletter 2018

Welcome to Year One!

I hope you have all had a well rested summer holiday and are looking forward to an exciting year ahead, full of interesting topics and lots of fun. I am really looking forward to teaching the children again and to see them make more progress and build on what they learnt in Ruby class. To help children with the transition from Reception to Year One run smoothly, I will be giving children a choice of activities in the afternoons, implementing more practical and outdoor learning, and then building in more structure. We are very lucky to have Miss Lane with us for the majority of the year doing her teacher training, where she will build up to teaching whole days.

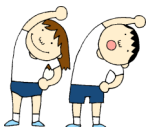
Reading



Please try to read with your child as often as possible; it only needs to be for 10 minutes each evening. Remember to make it fun and enjoyable. Once your child has read a couple of pages, ask them questions to help clarify understanding and to build on their comprehension skills using the VIPERS sheet to help you, which will be in your homework folder.

Homework

There will be weekly spellings or spelling investigations. Spellings will usually be given on Friday and tested the following Friday. White Rose Maths homework will be set fortnightly and is accessed via a learning platform on the computer. (Information about White Rose will follow shortly). Any problems with limited/no access to a computer please let me know as it can be arranged for your child to do this in school.



P.E.

P.E. lessons are on Wednesday and Thursday

afternoons. On Thursdays we are very lucky to have Colchester United in for the first half term. When the colder weather arrives an outdoor kit would be of benefit: tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt. Earrings must be removed for P.E. and long hair tied back.

OUR TOPICS

Me, Myself and I

During the first half term, we will be learning about our bodies and the senses we use to interact with the world. We will draw, compare and label different animals including humans, discussing how different we look now compared to when we were babies. It would be helpful if you could talk to your child about how they have changed since they were a baby. If possible, please send into school a small picture of your child as a baby or toddler. We will be making a display of their pictures by Thursday 13th September.

We are explorers!

During the second half term, we will be looking at stories from different cultures and thinking about exciting adventures we could go on. We will also be looking at a famous event in history with the man's first moon landing. We will be focusing on the story of 'Once Upon an Ordinary School day.'

Daily 'mile'

As part of our Healthy Schools and PE initiative, we will be trying to complete the Daily Mile Challenge every day at random times to help keep our body and mind healthy. So far the children have enjoyed their 'run/walk' every day.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Meet the teacher will be after school on **Wednesday 12th September.**
- After-school open class will be on a **Wednesday each week.**

Any problems or queries please don't hesitate to contact me. Reading journals will be checked on a regular basis so you can contact me through a note if this is easier for you.

Quick reminder: please make sure all items of clothing and water bottles are clearly labelled.

Thank-you in advance for all your support,
Miss Bailey