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Key Stage 1 Newsletter



Thank you for all your support to make the start of the school year so successful. We have been so pleased to see the children coming into school so happy and independent.

Curriculum

For the first half term we will be implementing a recovery curriculum. We understand that every child will have had different experiences during lockdown so we will be focusing on developing their social and emotional skills. We will be using a range of high-quality texts to deliver this.

Book	Focus
While we can't hug by	Looking at changes including new rules and routines.
Eoin McLaughlin	Time to discuss feelings related to coming back to school.
	Learning to connect with each other in new ways
Stanley's stick by John	Rediscovering a joy of reading.
Hegley	Learning we all come from different places
	Developing imagination – a way to escape reality
	Engaging with others & working collaboratively
Leaf by Sandra	Speaking and listening
Dieckmann	Similarities and differences – not judging others by their
	appearances
	Taking responsibility for own actions.
	Friendships and relationships
	Dealing with anxiety.
Wangari's Trees of	Empathy, caring and understanding – helping each other
Peace by Jeanette	Change can be powerful
Winter	Having gratitude for nature
	Not giving up – resilience
	Building self-esteem, having confidence
Drawn Together by	Creating positive relationships
Minh Le	Diversity
	Being different but equal
	Appreciation of others
	Finding common ground
Journey by Aaron	Moving on
Becker	Thinking about the future – what next?





Reading

We will be changing books once a week but will send multiple books home. Books that are returned to school will be quarantined for 72 hours before being returned to our shelves.

If you have any books at home from last year, please can you return them so we can ensure we

have a supply of books for all levels.

Year 2 Homework

Homework will be set on a Wednesday via Class Dojo. A homework book will be sent home, but we ask you to return work as a photo on Class Dojo by the following Monday.

Spellings will also be set for year 2s. Each week we will test your child on the 5 words they have been asked to learn. If they spell them successfully then 5 new words will be assigned. Words will be set via Class Dojo. A spellings book will be sent home to practise the words over the week – we suggest using the look, cover, write, check method to learn them. This book does not need to be returned to school. Your child will have a set day that their spellings will be checked in school – this can be found in the cover of the book.

Please bear with us while we make initial assessments of spellings to ensure the right words are assigned. We aim to have all spellings set by Friday 25th September.

<u>PE</u>

We have PE on Mondays and Fridays. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit and that earrings have been removed. We will be participating in athletic lessons outside, so kit will need to be suitable for the current weather conditions.

Belongings from home

We are minimising the movement of items from home and school so children will only need to bring to school their book bag, water bottle, coat, and lunchbox (if needed). Please support us by not sending in any other items including backpacks.

Snack

A healthy fruit/vegetable snack is provided everyday so your child will not need to bring their own snack to school. Only school snacks will be available at playtimes.

Clothes

Please can you make sure that all belongings are named – we have already had a few new jumpers and cardigans without names that we have not been able to return to their owners.

Once again thank you for your support as we get used to the new rules and routines. We look forward to working with you over the academic year.

Key Stage 1 Team

