

Dear Class One Parents,

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to an exciting new term with Class One. Here's a bit of information about the coming term and a few reminders.

Reading

As the children develop their phonics skills, reading at home becomes even more important to help their development of those early reading skills. Even just 5 minutes a day really helps to build sound recognition, blending and fluency skills.

As before, we encourage your child to **read a book at least three times** over the course of the week. This develops their reading skills and their confidence as they become more fluent with the words.

When you read, **please can you write it in the yellow reading diary** even if it is just your initials or a note to say it has been read. This provides valuable information about how your child is developing their reading skills when reading at home. Please send in your child's reading books and yellow reading diary in their book bags every day as we regularly read at school.



Water Bottles and Coats



Please send your child into school with a labelled bottle of water every day. The children are able to refill their bottles throughout the day and we will remind children to drink at regular intervals. Milk is provided (funded by the government) at snack time until they reach the age of 5, thereafter it can be paid for. We provide the fruit for the daily morning snack.

The playground and our outdoor area is chilly at this time of year, so can we please remind you that children need to come to school with a warm, waterproof coat - we go outside come rain or shine!

PE and Outdoor Explorers



Every Monday Class One will have PE with Mr Tanner. We ask that the children come into school wearing their PE kits on this day. As we will outside for some of our PE sessions, please send the children in wearing long joggers, t-shirt and a long-sleeved jumper/zip front top suitable for PE.

On Friday afternoons, the children will continue to have Outdoor Explorers. As with PE, children should come to school wearing their Outdoor Explorer clothing and clean shoes/trainers. Children should wear comfortable, covered and practical clothing for outdoor learning - such as a long sleeve top, full length tracksuit bottoms & a jumper. In cold weather, they will need more layers! They will need full waterproofs and wellies, which we will change them into and out of. To save our classroom floor from becoming filthy, please do not send your child to school wearing wellies. If your child's wellies and waterproofs can remain in school, it enables us to take the children outside for all-weather spontaneous learning!



Topics

We will begin this half term with the topic 'Space & Planet Earth', moving onto 'Dinosaurs' in the second half of term. If your child has a book or something relevant to this topic, they are very welcome to share it with the class. Please see our attached 'Topic Web' which details the areas of learning that we will be covering.



Tapestry and Keeping in Touch

As well as using Tapestry for 'Show and Tell', please remember you can use Tapestry to share your child's achievements at home - we love to see what they have been doing! We request you regularly check Tapestry for posts and messages from us and, likewise, please feel free to pop any messages for us on there too. You can also email messages to the school office (adminlandscoove@thelink.academy) where they will then be forwarded to us, or simply catch us at drop off and pick up.

Thank you for your continued support,

Jo Woods & Becky Barons