

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, plus a few reminders.

Some lovely news to share – Mrs Kearle had a beautiful little girl over the Christmas holidays. Both Mum and baby are doing well.

Reading

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



As before, we encourage your child to read a book several times over the course of the week. Not only does this develop their reading skills but also their confidence as they become more fluent with the words.

When you read, please can you record this in the yellow diary. Not only does this provide valuable information about how your child is developing their reading but it also informs us as to whether the books have been read and if we need to change them

Please send in your child's book bag, containing their reading books and yellow diary, every day as we regularly read at school.

Water Bottles, Book Bags 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.

We ask that coats are brought into school each day. We use our EYFS outdoor area come rain or shine so coats are vital.



PE and Outdoor Explorers

Every Wednesday Class One will have PE with Mr Tanner. We ask that the children come into school wearing their PE kits on this day. Please send in their school uniform in a bag to change into afterwards.



On Thursday afternoons, the children will have Outdoor Explorers. As with PE, we ask that they come into school (and go home) in their Outdoor Explorers clothes and shoe/trainers. They will need to wear comfortable, practical and durable clothing – t-shirt, full length tracksuit bottoms and a hoodie/sweatshirt are ideal. In the winter,

they will need more layers! They will also need **full waterproofs and wellies** to put on when we go outside. Please provide a plastic carrier bag for wet/dirty clothes to be returned in. We ask that, if possible, your child's wellies and waterproofs remain in school, so they can be used on wet days enabling the children to still get outside at breaktimes and for outdoor continuous provision in the Early years.

Please name all of you child's school uniform, PE kit and Outdoor Explorers clothing.

Topics

We will begin this half term with the topic 'Space', moving onto 'Dinosaurs' in the second half of term. Please visit Class One's page on the school website to see our 'Topic Web' which details the areas of learning that we will be covering this term.

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 (adminlandscove@thelink.academy) where they will then be forwarded to us, or simply catch us at drop off and pick up. Please don't hesitate in speaking to us or asking us any questions that you may have.

Thank you for your continued support,

Jo Woods, Becky Barons, Flossie West and Amy Raymont.