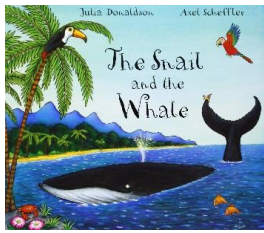


Year 1 Newsletter

A very warm welcome to Year 1. We hope you find the following information useful.

Our English lessons will focus on the book 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson.



This exciting adventure will inspire all kinds of writing in our classrooms! We will be practising using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops each time we write a sentence.

Early Bird Reading

Doors open at 8:35 for Early Bird Reading. If you are able to stay, please help your child to quietly find a seat at their reading table.



An extra 10 minutes of reading a day will make a big difference to lots of children. **Please help us to create a calm reading environment by coming in quietly.** Class teachers are happy to speak to you at the end of the day, unless of course, it is urgent.

Other useful information

- Please ensure all uniform (including PE kit) is clearly named
- No juice in water bottles – water only!
- Home Learning will be sent out on a Monday and needs to be returned on a Friday (this will start in week 3).



In Maths we will be focusing on number.

Carrying on from all of the learning the children have done in reception, we will be working on building up fluency to help the children become even more confident and independent.

Year 1 is a big year for reading!

- **Children need to read at home 5 times a week.** Please record when you have read with your child in their reading record.

To encourage independence, children choose their own reading books in Year 1. We believe that letting children choose their own books will help with engagement.

- **Your child also needs to practise reading the words in their word wallet each time they read at home.**

We're Going on a Boat Hunt!

Our Line of Enquiry this term is all about boats with a focus on Geography.



Talk to your child about the two famous boats our classes are named after – The SS Great Britain and The Matthew.

PE is an important part of our curriculum so please ensure your child has a weather suitable kit. We have two lessons a week – one inside and one outside.

SS Great Britain – **Tuesday and Wednesday**

The Matthew – **Wednesday and Thursday**

Here's to a brilliant year! ☺ Miss Soper and Miss Alexander