



We are starting our final term in year 1 and I am amazed at how fast the time is going! We are visiting Raby Castle this term and also looking at shops, facilities and buildings in our local community. Phonics screening takes place shortly after half term and the children are working hard with their reading of both real and "nonsense" words to check their phonic knowledge. Please make sure you practice the word cards as often as you can in order to continue to develop reading skills in preparation for the test. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries. Thank you for your continued support.

Class One Newsletter

PE DAYS

This term PE is every Thursday We will go out for PE when the weather permits so please make sure that children wear appropriate outdoor PE clothes, so that we can take advantage of any finer days for our weekly PE lessons.



Drinking water in school

We encourage children to bring a bottle of water to school, which they may drink in class. Plain water is best however, we understand that some children will not drink plain water so we are happy for them to bring weak juice. We must ask that children do not bring fizzy water or fizzy drinks. Hopefully the weather will improve and we will see some sunshine soon! Please can all children have a suitable hat in their bag each day and come to school with adequate sunscreen applied if / when we do get warmer sunshine. I would also ask that children continue to bring a coat to school. We can always leave it in the locker if not needed but useful to have when the weather changes.

EARRINGS

We are concerned about the number of children who are wearing earrings to school. Can we please remind parents that it is our school policy that children must not wear earrings or jewellery whilst in school. We request this for health and safety reasons to avoid possible injury to your child and other school children. If your child has had their ears pierced recently and is not able to remove them, they must be covered with plaster or tape, can we please ask that this is done at home. Once the recommended healing period has ended the earrings should then be taken out for school. We would greatly appreciate your support in this matter.

Reading books I will continue to send reading books home every day. Please can you ensure that your child has their book bag in school and books are returned each day. Thank you so much for those of you who support children at home. It really does make an incredible difference to their progress as well as developing a positive attitude to learning. Thank you.



Spellings

Please encourage your child to practise their spellings from the list. Spellings are taught during our focussed group work however, a little extra practice at home is always helpful.

Our topic for this term is **KNIGHTS AND PRINCESSES, DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS!** We will focus on local history throughout the term, looking at castles in the region, famous local figures and events throughout history such as , Bobby Shafto and the Battle of Nevilles Cross, and local legends such as The Lambton Worm. We will visit a local castle to find out what life was like living and working in a castle and its estate years ago, and Compare to our own homes and lives today. We will look closely at Willington and talk about our local environment, what we like about it and what we would like to change and consider how we can be a positive member of our local community and take care of the natural world. we are investigating Growing Things, Sound and Hearing, and Materials. We continue to look at seasonal changes and also how to look after ourselves, make healthy choices and ways in which we can keep our minds and bodies healthy, and happy.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Try to encourage your child to problem solve and think for themselves! Seek opportunities to consolidate mathematical understanding in everyday life. For example, by asking the children to read price labels or respond to questions such as "How many bananas will we need for everyone to have 2 in our house?" Supporting your child with their homework each week will give you an insight into what we've covered and also how you can extend this learning together at home.

Grateful thanks to all of you who do such an amazing job supporting children with their reading, their spellings and never fail to complete homework tasks. Your children are making great progress, Thank you.

If there is anything I can do to support you further, please just let me know. I am always, always happy to help.

Judith Bulmer

DIARY DATES

16 th - 20 th May	KS1 SAT's
20 th May	Y2 SAT's party
26 th May	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Day <i>full details to follow</i>
30 th May - 5 th June	Half term holiday
17 th June	Y1 & Y2 visit to Raby Castle
24 th June	School closed - PD Day
30 th June	Y1- Y6 Sports Day - 1.15pm
w/c 4 th July	Y1-Y6 Race for Life
7 th July	Moving up day
11 th July	Parents Evening
20 th July	Last day of the Summer Term - school day ends at normal time.
21 st July	School Closed - PD Day
	Summer Holiday begins
22 nd July	Children return to school on Wednesday 7 th September