### Year One Spring 2 Newsletter



# **Bright lights Big City**

Our topic this term will be 'Bright Lights Big City' which will incorporate English, Science, Geography, Music as well as Art and DT.

# **English**

The focus will be for children to write letters, questions, and narratives using the expected punctuation of a year 1 child, this includes practising a sentence aloud and writing it using a capital letters, conjunctions and adjectives and the correct punctuation at the end of a sentence. Children will begin to use suffixes and prefixes in their writing. Our class text will be Paddington.

Children will have daily phonics session to develop their decoding skills for reading, please ensure your child brings their bookbag into school daily.

Library days for 1K are Fridays and for 1OS are Tuesdays. Your child will need to bring their library book to school on their library day.

#### Maths

We will be focusing on, place value, number, addition, subtraction and measurement.

#### Homework

Homework for the half term will be issued at the beginning of each half term and children can complete a range of tasks based on the homework map. This can now be found on the school website. Please ensure you have signed up in order to access this.

We expect children to read their allocated phonics' reading book fluently before it is changed. Books will only be changed if they are able to do this.

Children will be issued weekly spelling based on words they have learnt in their phonics groups.

Please ensure that your child is using Numbots. We would like to see children logging on weekly to support their number bond knowledge. If you have any issues with your login, please speak to your child's class teacher.

### P.E.

This term P.E. will continue to be on a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure children avoid wearing any jewellery on this day.

Correct Kit consists of:
Blue Brady logo T-shirt
Navy shorts
Black plimsolls or trainers (no high tops)
Black or grey or white socks
A plain blue, black or grey tracksuit – with no large logos or slogans.

## How can you help?

Listening and asking your child questions about their reading is the best support you can give your child during their school year. Children are expected to read 4-5 times a week. This will also ensure they meet the threshold for reading rewards. At the back of each phonics' book, you will find some useful questions and prompts to ask your child about what they have read. If you can take a few moments to discuss the text, this will help your child to develop their comprehension skills.

Regularly practising number bonds to 20 and counting one more and less, counting in 2s. 5s and tens. Logging on to Numbots.

Please ensure your child brings their reading record and reading book every day to school.

Helping your child practising spellings daily and revisiting previous spellings are all great ways to support your child with their learning outside of school as it will consolidate their learning in class.

Please label all items of clothing your child brings into school as this will help to return the items to their correct owner and therefore less lost property. As well as drink and lunch boxes.

# Collection at the end of the day

Each child will be dismissed individually once their teacher has personally seen you or the adult collecting your child. Please ensure all adults collecting your child are aware of this procedure. If another adult not listed on the 'Responsible Adult Collection Form' is collecting your child please notify the school, your child's safety is of paramount importance to us.

### Dates for your diary

1.3.22 Shrove Tuesday – we will be making pancakes with children. If your child has any allergies please speak toy your child's class teacher alternatively if you do not wish them to have a pancake.

3.3.22 World Book day children to come dressed as their favourite character and they can bring a book to share.

14.3.22 Children will go on a local walk as part of their Geography topic in the afternoon (1 -3 pm). If you are able to help please speak to your class teacher. In the event we have too many volunteers we will pick names out of a hat.

1.4.22 Class treat watching Paddington – please let us know if you do not wish for your child to watch the movie.

Please can each child bring in cardboard boxes and tubes etc as we will be designing and making London landmarks and iconic symbols.

# Finally

If you have any queries or concerns then please do speak to your child's teacher at the end of the school day once all children have been collected.

Kind regards Ms Kaur and Miss O'Sullivan Year One Team