

Reminders

- Please make sure your child arrives between 8:40 and 8:50 am. If you arrive after this time, we ask that you take your child to the School office where they will be signed in.
- Please remember to leave a message on the absence line if your child is not well enough to come to School.
- Don't forget, all children from Reception to Year 2 are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal.



Swimming and PE Lessons

- Year 1 are swimming in Term 4.
- We do PE every week and ask that your child has their named PE kit with them at the start of each week.
- Please ensure jogging bottoms are provided for the colder months.



Uniform and P.E. Kit

We would greatly appreciate if you could double check that your child's clothing is still clearly labelled for the terms ahead. Thank you.



KIC Theatre



We are looking forward to our KIC Theatre drama session later in January when we will see our budding actors and actresses flourish as we explore around the world!

Please don't hesitate to speak to us at the end of the day if you have a question/problem. If you have an urgent message for us in the morning, please tell the staff on the gate, who will pass the information on. Many thanks for all your support.



Joy Lane Primary School Year 1 Newsletter

Terms 3 & 4

Welcome back! We are very proud of how wonderfully the children performed in the Music Extravaganza — thank you for all your support and the cosy costumes.

We would also like to say a big thank you for all the wonderful gifts and cards over Christmas!

This booklet gives a brief overview of some of the things we will be doing in Terms 3 and 4.

We are continuing our learning journey in a variety of exciting subjects. Our learning themes in Terms 3 and 4 are:

Explorers



Carnival of the Animals





Year 1 Learning Themes

Here is an overview of some of the things we will be doing at School:

Phonics:

As you know, phonics is a key part of our curriculum in Year 1. We work on sound recognition (knowing what sound letters and groups of letters make), blending skills (reading using sounds) and segmenting skills (sounding out to spell).



English:



We will be continuing our Letters and Sounds Phonics Programme by learning more of our Phase 5 sounds. We are practising writing complete sentences whilst writing in a variety of different genres including fact files, recounts and descriptive writing.

Mathematics:

We will be continuing our number work whilst looking at weight, time and money. We plan a weekly problem solving activity ensuring that children can apply their mathematical skills.

Topics

Explorers: We will be exploring different places around the world and improving our knowledge of the continents and oceans. We will also be looking at some very important explorers such as Christopher Columbus and James Cook.

Carnival of the Animals: We will be researching many different animals, their habitats and comparing the climates they live in. We will also be learning about animals on the farm and where our food comes from!

Supporting Your Child at Home

Reading:

We encourage the children to continue reading as much as possible at home — it really does make a difference! Children can use a variety of skills such as phonics, pictures, knowledge of key words and comprehension in order to develop their reading.



Rainbow Spellings:

Spellings are given out each week for children to learn and record in their green spelling books. Practise for '2 tries' and then that set can be swapped over. Spellings are collected in on Monday to be reviewed and given out on Wednesday along with the homework. Please feel free to encourage your child to practise writing these words in sentences in their homework books so they really begin to apply the spellings when writing. A final spelling test will occur when a child has completed all 8 sets and gets them all correct.

Homework:

We have really enjoyed seeing all the creative and innovative work that the children have done from their homework wheels. Another homework wheel will be sent out for this next term around our topic 'Explorers' with a task of your choice to be completed each week. The Maths section of the wheel will now consist of two to three tasks for the children to choose from, accessed through the 'My Maths' website. You will receive a login and password for this shortly. Please let us know if you have any teething issues - we are happy to help!

