

## Reminders:

- Please make sure your child arrives between 8:40am and 8:50am.
- Please remember to leave a message on the absence line if your child is not well enough to come to school.
- All clothing and PE/swimming kits should be clearly labelled with their name.
- All children from Reception to Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal.



## Swimming and PE Lessons



- Year 1 are swimming in Terms 4, 5 and 6.
- Please provide your child with a swimsuit and towel for every session.
- If your child needs a verruca sock, please ensure they have it for each swimming session.
- We do PE every week so please make sure your child has their named PE kit with them at the start of each week.



## The Year 1 Teachers

Van Gogh Class is taught by Miss Wells.

Voysey Class is taught by Mrs Dodd and Mrs Moorfield.

Vallotton Class is taught by Mrs King.

## New building and outside area!

We are very excited to be in our new classrooms in the newest part of the school building. We will enjoy a tour of the building during our first week back at school. We also have our own new playground with a fabulous climbing frame. We will take turns to use this during our playtime and lunch play each day. This will help us develop our gross motor skills!

*Please do not hesitate to speak to us at the end of the day if you have a question or problem. If you have an urgent message for us, please tell the staff greeting the children into class, who will pass the information on.*

*Many thanks for all your support.*



# Joy Lane Primary School

# Year 1 Newsletter

## Terms 1 & 2

Welcome back! We hope you and your child had a lovely summer break and are feeling rested and ready for the new school year.

This newsletter will give a brief overview of the activities we are doing in Terms 1 and 2.

## We are excited to be learning about...



## SPACE



We will be learning about Space this term, including famous astronauts, early space exploration and fun facts about the different planets, as well as creating our own rockets! We will also be using ICT to look at the Earth from Space!

## CELEBRATIONS

We will be learning about different events in a variety of cultures in the lead up to Christmas:

Bonfire Night

Remembrance Day

Diwali: Hindu Festival of Light

Nativity and Christmas!





# Year 1 Learning Themes

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

## English:



We will be continuing on with our Letters and Sounds phonics programme by revisiting and reviewing the sounds we have learnt in Phase 3. We will continue to practise segmenting and blending three and four letter words. When writing sentences, we will recall the tools needed to correctly write a complete sentence, including finger spaces, full stops and capital letters. In addition, we will be looking at the features of non-fiction books as part of our Space topic!

## Mathematics:

We will be concentrating on forming numbers correctly, recognising the written form of a number and recognising the number bonds to ten. We will begin developing our addition and subtraction skills and start applying these to problem solving questions.



### Supporting your child at home:

#### Phonics:

We are currently recapping Phase 3 of the Letters and Sounds programme. If you wish to view Phases 2-3 online, you can find them here:

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com>

Other recommended websites for games and phonics videos:

<http://www.mrthorne.com>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks>

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk>

## Homework:

Daily reading should be recorded in the contact book and books can be changed daily. Spellings will be set twice a week and can be recorded in the green book, but this will not begin until Term 2. The homework wheel will consist of a variety of activities linked to different curriculum areas. Your child should complete one activity from the wheel each week, which they can record in their homework journal, if appropriate. Homework will be given out on Wednesdays and collected in on Mondays. We look forward to celebrating their successes within the class!

## Spellings:

In Term 2, your child will receive a green spelling book with a set of Rainbow Spellings inside. Children need to write the spellings in their book at least twice and would really benefit from using some of their spellings in a sentence or two. You will receive further information about this when they are distributed.

## Reading Tips!

As you know, we encourage reading with your child every day and here are a few tips to help your child progress:

- Please encourage the use of phonics to help your child decode unknown words.
- If your child finds reading tricky, it is okay to take reading in turns in order to increase their confidence and begin to enjoy the flow of a story.
- Practise spotting high frequency words in a text so that children recognise these as sight words and do not try to decode them.
- Encourage your child to talk about the story and ensure they understand all the vocabulary used.
- Enjoy sharing stories together!!

