

## 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 your child's name.
- All children from Reception to Year 2 are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal and fruit snack each day.



## Swimming and PE Lessons:



- Year 1 are swimming in Terms 4, 5 and 6.
- 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—Mrs Dodd

Voysey Class—Miss Whitaker

Vallotton Class—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 few weeks back at school. We also have our own new playground with a fabulous climbing frame; we will take turns to use this during our playtimes 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. Mrs King is the Year 1 leader should you have any further queries.*

*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...



## WHITSTABLE



We will be learning about the lovely seaside town that many of us call home: WHITSTABLE. We will be locating Whitstable on maps, looking at popular landmarks and tourist attractions, and visiting some of these later in the school year.

## 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

## 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 Whitstable 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, please visit:

<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 reading record book and books can be changed daily. Spellings will be set weekly 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, and your child can choose to complete activities from the wheel each week. Please see the KS1 Homework leaflet, which outlines our updated spelling procedures.

## 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 turns reading 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. Use the pictures as a talking point.
- Enjoy sharing stories together!!

