

YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER

Spring 2 2021

Welcome!

Welcome message:

Welcome back! Firstly, we'd like to thank you for supporting your child's learning at home during Lockdown 3. We recognise that working through the learning packs each week was a huge ask for you and your child(ren), and we are extremely grateful for your time, patience, and good will. Well done!

We are thrilled to be welcoming Year One back into the classroom from March 8th. As well as taking stock of the progress children made at home, we will be placing a strong focus on wellbeing and social skills to help them readjust to learning and playing with each other again. We will be working hard to address any gaps in learning and will be running small group sessions to target specific areas.

Dates for your diary:

Spring 2

22nd February – 5th March (remote learning)

8th - 31st March (in school)

19th March: **Red Nose Day**

Summer 1

19th April – 28th May

Bank Holiday 3rd May

Summer 2

7th June – 23rd July

Learning Challenge

This term our theme is 'Castles'. This will allow us to explore lots of different areas of the curriculum. In History, we're learning about what different castles in the past looked like and some of their features. Our Geographical knowledge will be expanded when we learn about castles and other kinds of homes in countries around the world. We'll also be looking at the different kinds of buildings closer to home, in our very own London! In Science and Technology, we will experiment with building our own castles, learn about the strongest 3D shapes, and explore different kinds of materials.

P.E.

Please provide a school PE kit for your child. This can remain in school every day on their peg. In Year 1 the children's PE kit will remain in school for the whole of Spring 2 and will be sent home at the end of the half term. Children are still welcome to bring a bookbag, lunchbox, water bottle and PE kit to school. **Our PE day is on Thursday. Children will need school PE kit and plimsolls.**

Please ensure that the PE kit is named and contains Byron PE kit, yellow Logo Byron PE top, plain navy shorts or jogging bottoms, plimsolls or trainers.

Celebrations

We celebrated World Maths Day on 3rd March and World Book Day on 4th March in our learning from home. Our next celebration in school will be Red Nose Day on 19th March. We are asking everybody to wear red on that day to mark the occasion.

Attendance and Punctuality

We are looking forward to welcoming children to school in the playground. Arrangements have been sent to you, please see below for a brief summary for Year 1 children:

8.50 – children arrive in the playground and a member of staff will walk them to the classroom

3.10pm – children to be collected from the playground, please queue at a social distance for your child on the top playground and we will call your children to you.

If your child is self isolating they will now receive a letter from the school office directing you on how to access home learning through the Oak National Academy. A member of school staff will also check in to see how you are all doing and any further ways we can support you at home. We are also still available on the Year 1 email account, year1@oasisbyron.org.

Other Information

School uniform – please, please, please can you label all your child's school uniform, including PE kit and plimsolls. The children have been trying hard to remember that they need to put their PE kit in their bag when they have finished, this is trickier for them if it is not named.

Homework

Reading

Our book changing days are **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. It is important to hear your child read as much as possible at home and we are grateful for your help. Research has shown that even if your child has finished the book **re-reading** it is still important and is shown to help their fluency and comprehension at all stages of reading.

Home learning

Children will receive their home learning menu and logs. Please complete them as often as possible, we really look forward to seeing what you have been up to. We enjoyed seeing the children's pictures and photos that families had stuck in to see what you have been doing. For some tasks, you may like to take 2 pages and write some sentences, draw some pictures, stick in photos, stick in and label real objects. You can be as creative as you like!

Spellings/Key words

Words will be sent home weekly on Friday and then tested the following Friday. Please practice them on the read, cover, spell, check, grid provided.

 LOOK	Look at the word. How many parts are there? What are the tricky bits? Can you find any spelling patterns?
 SAY	Say the word to yourself. Break the word into syllables. How many parts are there? What sounds can you hear?
 COVER	Cover up the word so you cannot see it. Picture the word in your mind.
 WRITE	Write down the word, remembering how it sounds and what it looks like.
 CHECK	Check to see if it is correct. Tick the letters you got correct. Write the word correctly if you made any mistakes.

We hope the children have had a good first week.

Miss Milward

Miss Bennison

Mrs Winters