



Ipplepen Primary School & Saplings Pre-School

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Oak Class Year 1 Parent Letter Autumn Term

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome to Oak class, we should have a brilliant year of learning! I do hope you all had a lovely Summer holidays and feel refreshed and ready for the year ahead. Below, I have provided some important class information.

School Day

Timings – Gates open, registers at 8.55am.

End of school day, gates open 3.15pm, end of day 3.20pm.

Uniform and belongings

Full school uniform, including smart, plain-black shoes (not trainers), is to be worn every day apart from PE days when children can attend in their PE kit. Long hair must all be tied back. Please note that the wearing of nail varnish and any jewellery (apart from stud earrings) is not permitted in school. Please ensure your child has a raincoat with them every day, as the weather can be somewhat unpredictable and that all of their belongings are clearly labelled. During the sunnier weather, please ensure your child has sun cream applied and has a sun hat to wear.

Snacks and Drinks

A daily fruit snack is provided for all children in Year 1 and if they would like to bring their own, we ask that these are only healthy snacks of fruit and vegetables. Please ensure that your child has a water bottle with them, which contains water only. Thank you.

Curriculum

Please find attached an overview of the main topics and subjects we will be covering in Year 1 this term.

Spellings

Spellings will be set weekly and we will be using 'Spelling Frame' this year, where the children can learn their spellings through games and activities. More information including the logins for this will be sent home shortly.

Reading

Every child in Year 1 should now have a reading diary, to be filled in every time that you hear your child read. Please use this to record when your child has read. Daily reading is encouraged. It is encouraged that the children read the book at least twice, if not three





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times, to pick out any tricky words and discuss the meaning of any unfamiliar vocabulary, as well as become familiar with the text itself, in order to develop their reading fluency. They should also begin to be able to answer a variety of questions that you ask them based on what they have just read as well as predicting what may happen next or discussing how a character may feel. There are also suggested comprehension questions at the back of each book that you can refer to.

Reading for Pleasure

Our termly book clubs will continue to take place this year, as well as the Author Island Adventure. More information will be sent out about this shortly.

PE

Our PE lessons are on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**

On these days, we ask that your child comes into school wearing their PE kit. They will not need to change into school uniform on these days.

A reminder that our school PE kit is:

- Black shorts/tracksuit bottoms (**not grey, or patterned**)
- Plain house-coloured t-shirt
- Trainers
- School jumper

Outdoor Learning

Please make sure that your child has a change of clothes **on Thursdays**; this needs to cover their arms and legs. They will also need a change of shoes as it can get muddy. I invite you to send in a stay-at-school pair of wellies in so the children are prepared for forest school on any given day.

Homework

The homework for year one is the aforementioned spellings in addition to regular reading.

End of day collection

At the end of the day, safety is our priority. It is important for you to inform us of any changes to who collecting your child.

Here is to a fantastic year in Year 1!

Kind Regards,

Ms Wildgoose

