



# Ipplepen Primary School & Saplings Pre-School

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## Oak Class Year 1 Parent Letter Spring Term

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas. We would like to wish you a Happy New Year!

Detailed in this letter is some key class and school information to share with you for this term.

### **School Day**

Timings – Gates open at 8.45am, registers at 8.55am.

At the end of school day, gates open 3.15pm, end of day 3.20pm.

### **Uniform and belongings**

Full school uniform is to be worn every day apart from PE days.

Please note that the wearing of nail varnish is not permitted in school.

Please ensure your child has a raincoat with them everyday, as the weather can be somewhat unpredictable. Your child's belongings should be clearly labelled.

Water bottles should be clearly labelled and have only water in.

### **Snacks and Drinks**

A daily fruit snack is provided for all children in Year 1. However, if your child wishes to bring in their own snack for breaktime, please ensure that this is fruit and vegetables 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 the children will now be tested for those spellings once a week.

### **Reading**

Please continue to use your child's reading record when they have read, Daily reading is encouraged. It is also encouraged that the children read the book at least twice to pick out any tricky words and discuss the meaning of any unfamiliar vocabulary as well as become familiar with the text itself. They should also be able to answer a variety of questions that you





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ask them based on what they have just read as well as predicting what may happen next or discussing how a character may feel.

### **Reading for Pleasure**

Our termly book clubs will continue to take place this year, as well as the Author Island Adventure.

### **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**)
- Plain house-coloured t-shirt
- Trainers
- School jumper

### **Outdoor Learning**

Outdoor Learning will be taking place on a Thursday, so please make sure that your child has a change of clothes. This needs to cover their arms and legs. They will also need a change of shoes as it can get muddy.

### **Homework**

As well as practicing spellings and reading, I'd like to invite you to encourage your children to go on Numbots each week, at least three times where possible. Their Numbots logins can be found at the back of their reading records, alongside their Purple mash logins. Purple mash has endless activities that help the children in their learning, and I will periodically be setting them a to-do to complete at home if they wish. Please note that this is just an optional extra to the spellings - please don't feel under pressure to do everything every week if there isn't time.

### **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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,  
Ms Wildgoose

