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Our Week in Year 1

The children have begun to settle into life in Year 1, learning the routines and expectations.

Below are some of the things we have learnt this week. Your child might like to tell you a little more about a few of these:

In Maths, we have been counting forwards and backwards (up to 10) and counting objects from a group.

We have continued to share our holiday postcards. It has been lovely to hear about the children's experiences.

We introduced our new topic 'This is Me' and wrote a little bit about ourselves e.g., favourite colour.

We talked about different emotions and the Zones of Regulation (Green, Blue, Yellow and Red).

We began to explore drawing techniques (mark making) in Art.

We introduced History and began our topic called "How am I making History".

The children also attended the Welcome Mass in Church.

Homework

Please listen to your child read regularly, ideally every day (see Reading Guidance below). Please practise counting whenever and wherever you can, especially counting forwards and backwards (0-10). Challenge them by counting forwards or backwards from any number.

Notes for parents

Arriving at school -The gates are open from **8.30 to 8.45**. Please can you ensure that your child is here **by 8.45**. Children will often have practice activities to complete and may also need to change for PE before **lessons start**.

Home Time Arrangements form. Thank you to those who have already returned this. If you haven't returned it yet, please complete the form and put it in your child's book bag so we

can collect them in. You can find the form on Mrs Best's recent email. It is important that we have the updated details for the end of the day.

Reading record Books and reading books/library books will be sent home shortly. Please keep all books in the book bag and bring this into school every day. This way the books will be available when they are needed.

Library Days - Monday and Thursday. Library books are to be kept in the book bag as above.

Football Club - If your child attends the football club on Wednesdays, they will need to bring in their football kit and they will change at school.

Please name every item that your child brings to school - including caps, jumpers, polo shirts, PE kit, football kit, water bottles, coats, book bags etc. We already have lost property after just 1 week!

Reminder that children need a water bottle every day in school please.

If your child would like a key ring on their book bag, please only have **1 small key ring**.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 16th September 3pm - Year 1 meet the teacher at 3pm in Skylarks' classroom. Come along to find out more about Year 1. Details will be added to the website if you cannot attend.

Monday 23rd September - the school photographer will be in the school. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct **winter** uniform.

Many thanks for all your support. We wish you a very happy and restful weekend.

The Year 1 Team

Reading in Key Stage 1

Handy Hints

- Make reading part of your daily routine.
- Short sessions - **10 mins** a day is ideal.
- Always make reading fun not a chore.
- Talk and discuss the story.
- Read a range of books not just the ones from school.
- You can use the pictures to help read the text.



Please remember to write the date and title of the book in the Reading Record. You can also add a comment if you wish.

Read Write Inc.(RWI)- Children will be reading each day in their RWI lessons. Children will then bring home reading books every 3 (school) days.

Children's voice - we would love to see what your child thinks about their books. After finishing a book, please encourage them to write a sentence about their book (if they want to).