

## Upcoming Dates

5.9.23 - First Day of Term  
WB. 11.9.23 - Enrichment Clubs start  
WB 23.10.23 - October Half Term Week  
30.10.23 - PD Day  
1.11.23 - School Photos  
14/16.11.23 - Parents Evening  
30.11.23 - KS1 Parent Share  
8.12.23 - FORS Christmas Fair  
12/13.12.23 - Nativity Performances  
15.12.23 - KS1 Educational Visit  
(More information coming soon!)



## Independent Learner

Here in Key Stage One we really encourage the children to start to learn new skills which help them to become more independent. Please help your children to be independent by encouraging them to take responsibility of packing their school bag, or learning to do their zip or tie their shoes.



# Key Stage One Autumn Newsletter



## Welcome back!

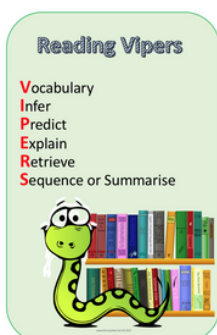
Welcome to Year One and Two! We hope you all had a lovely summer holiday and we are super excited to welcome you back.

Our whole school theme this term is 'Humankind'. Our teaching will continue to promote curious, inquisitive learners and each topic will begin with a curious question. Please see attached our curious questions for each topic alongside the vocabulary that will be taught.

In literacy this term we will be studying a wide range of texts, with a focus on the Mr Men and Little Miss books to begin with. We will be exploring these books across all our subjects and even designing and moulding our own characters out of clay!

In Maths we are working on place value and addition and subtraction. Year 2 children now all have a log in to Times Table Rock Stars. Please see us if you have any questions about this. For both the Year 1 and Year 2 children playing Hit The Button is a fantastic way to build speed and fluency of small number facts.

Another key focus of this term for year 1 will be increasing their fluency with phonics and learning new sounds. Year 2 will now focus on comprehension and the ability to answer questions based on a larger piece of text. Our reading snake VIPERS will be helping us with this!



## Reminders

- P.E this half term will be on a Friday for all of Key Stage One. Please send your child to school in their P.E uniform.
- Please ensure all school uniform and belongings are named.
- Please bring a named drink bottle and one healthy snack for morning play. Please ensure no nuts, chocolate, sweets or crisps.
- Long hair needs to be tied back.
- If your child is going home with someone different then please speak to the teacher at the beginning of the day.
- Please inform your child if they are attending after school club or an enrichment club so they are aware of where to go at home time.

## Homework

Our homework for Key Stage One will consist of reading regularly at home. We ask for a minimum of 3 reads a week at home. This can be their school reading book, or a book of their choice. Please note in their reading diary any reading that they have done.

We will be using the library on a Friday and children will be able to take a book of their choice to share at home for the week. Please make sure library books are ready to be changed on a Friday.

We will also be sending maths homework home. This will be in the form of a booklet of questions at the end of each unit we complete in school. This is to aid in revision of concepts and to support learning they have just completed.

We really thank you for your support and help at home.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

From The Key Stage One Team