

Leigh Beck Infant Academy



Year 1 Newsletter

Homework

At this age it is very important that children read regularly at home. We would ask they read **at least three times a week**. Please ensure you comment in the reading diaries every time you hear your child read. The class with the most readers each week will win Freida Reader bear and get an extra celebration in class. At the end of every half term we will awarding regular readers with a surprise! We will also be partnering up with a Year 2 class to read to a buddy. We are very excited to have the Year 2's visit us to help us with our reading.

1R and 2M will be reading buddies.

1D and 2A will be reading buddies.

1W and 2HW will be reading buddies.

It is very important that your child brings their reading folder every day. We will also send home handwriting homework every Friday to be returned by the following Wednesday. If the children complete their handwriting homework every week they will receive a prize at the end of each half term.

Every Friday children will have a spelling test and new spellings will be issue the same day. Please make sure your child brings their spelling book to school on a Friday.

Children will also be given red word sets to practise at home which will be checked weekly and updated as necessary.

We will be offering an afterschool homework club later in the year. More details to follow.

P.E.

1D - Wednesday (Indoor) Friday (Outdoor)

1R - Monday (Indoor) Wednesday (Outdoor)

1W - Monday (Indoor) Friday (Outdoor)

Please make sure your child has their P.E. kit in school and that it is clearly labelled.

Please ensure that earrings are not worn on P.E. days as if they are unable to remove them independently they will not be able to participate in P.E. lessons.

Long hair should also be tied back. P.E. kit should consist of a white school t-shirt, maroon shorts, black plimsolls or trainers, jogging bottoms and a sweater for outside P.E.

Maths homework will be issued on a Friday. Children will have homework targets that they need to work on at home. Sheets will be available in the classroom if your child wants to take one home. Homework will be collected on a Wednesday.

Attendance.

In Year 1 we are placing lots of emphasis on attendance this year. We will have displays in our classrooms encouraging children to come to school on time every day and be in school every day so we may win an attendance award.

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Welcome to a new school year. The teachers in Year 1 are Miss Wicks in 1W, Miss Dale and Mr Keys in 1D and Mrs Rogers in 1R. The Learning Support Assistants working with us are Mrs Church, Mrs Salter, Mrs Groves, Mrs Russell, Miss Wilson, Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Hobbs, Miss Meakin and Mrs Yarwood.

Following on from last year, we are continuing with Read, Write, Inc. In English we will be looking at sentence structure using different text types. In Maths we are practising our counting skills and learning about place value. Our topic for this term is 'All About Me'.

We have lots of exciting trips and visitors planned for the school year. These include a bus tour of Canvey, a visit from Jungle Jo, a Christingle service at St. Annes church and many more.

Letters will be sent out with more information later in the year.

Charities

The charity that we are supporting this half term is Macmillan Cancer Support.

Clubs

A letter confirming the clubs that will run after school will be sent out shortly. Attending clubs is a great way to build new friendships and learn new skills. Clubs also allows children to collect hours in their Children's University passports.

Please ensure that your child brings a named water bottle to school each day.

Our Topics

All About Me

Party Time

Polar Explorers

Hidden Treasure

Mad About Minibeasts

Superheroes

Show and Tell will be every Tuesday afternoon. Children can bring in something relating to our topic. Please label all belongings.

This term the children will be participating in Forest School sessions. A more detailed letter will follow.
1D - 6th October and 25th November
1W - 20th October and 8th December
1R - 13th October and 1st December

Every child in Key Stage One is offered a piece of fruit at playtime and due to the Government initiative every child may have a free school meal. However, as we are a 'Healthy School', if your child is having a packed lunch, please ensure that it is healthy and does not include any fizzy drinks or chocolate bars.

We are really looking forward to working with you all this year. Please feel free to put a note in your child's reading diary or speak to us at the door after school if you have any questions.