

HARMONDSWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

LONDON BOROUGH OF HILLINGDON

Headteacher: Mrs E Dowding



YEAR 1's SPRING NEWSLETTER

MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 2018

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PE will take place on Tuesdays (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor). It is advisable that children also have dark tracksuit bottoms to wear for outside PE in the cold weather but please remember to send in shorts still for indoor PE. Please ensure that your child has spare socks in their kit too if they wear tights to school as children are not permitted to wear tights under their shorts/tracksuit bottoms during PE.

Please be reminded that for safety reasons, earrings are not allowed to be worn in PE lessons, please ensure if your child *does* wear studs, that they are not worn on PE days or that they are covered with tape. Please also make sure that if your child has long hair that it is tied up on PE days, thank you.

Adult helpers

Please let me know if you are willing and able to come in and help in the classroom. Any help whether regular or not is greatly appreciated by myself and the children.

Water

As a Healthy School, we promote the drinking of water and actively encourage children to bring in a named, clear plastic bottle of water to keep in the classroom. It is proven that water aids concentration



Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term. I hope you have had a restful and happy Christmas. Thank you for all the lovely cards and gifts, it was very kind of you. I hope you are all looking forward to another busy term! I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of a few of the routines in Year 1.

Cross curricular learning

We will continue to learning through a topic based curriculum. This means that lessons will not be taught in individual subjects but that lessons will combine different subjects to help create a more engaging and creative learning environment. Each half term, learning will be based around a different topic. During the first half of this term we will be learning about 'Pirates'. The children will participate in lots of interesting activities and there will be a 'Pirates dress up day'. A letter will be sent home with the details.



Spellings, Homework and daily reading

Learning spellings and completing homework really does support your child's work in the classroom. Homework will be given out on a **Tuesday** and collected on the following **Monday**. New spellings will still be given on a Thursday and tested the following **Thursday**. The spellings given each week will relate to the phonics that your child is working on in their phonics group that week. Phonics is a key area in Year 1 and it is therefore very important that your child practices these at home to reinforce the learning at school. There is also a national screening in June. We will be running some parents phonic workshops- details to follow.

Regular reading is also important and has a huge impact on your child's writing as well. Please record your comments in the yellow book. Please ensure that your child brings in their reading book and record into school everyday as they will be changed regularly and your child will be listened to in class.

Library books will still be changed every **Friday**.

Show and Tell

Show and Tell will be on a **Friday**. A rota will be sent home in their homework books.

Book share

The children really enjoy having you in to share a book and it really does raise the profile of reading in the classroom. May I take this opportunity to remind you it takes place every Friday from 8:50 to 9:10. Please come in with your child after

Class Toy

Every Friday, a child will be chosen to take our class toy called '**Sandy**' home for the weekend. Please return him back to school on the following

Monday with some work to show the class. The work could be photographs/drawings and some weekend news about, what Sandy has been up to. The work will be put in our class book.

Please do not hesitate to come and speak to me if you have any queries. Many Thanks.

Mrs Sharif