

Introduction

Welcome to our Autumn Term Home-Link book. This booklet is intended to help you to find out what your child is studying this term so that you can be involved in their education and provide as much help and support as possible. We know from experience that children benefit from their parents' involvement and interest.

Handwriting

Throughout this term all pupils will be aiming to improve their joined handwriting so they will be able to write fluently in a joined script. The children are following the Nelson handwriting scheme and we hope that you will be able to support this by ensuring that the quality of handwriting remains high when the children complete their homework. Please try to encourage your child *to use a pencil and not a pen or felt tip* when completing their homework. The children are already familiar with the use of line to help their orientation of letters, and which are ascenders and descenders. Please encourage them to continue this good practice when completing their homework.

Phonics

This term we will send home spelling investigations based around the daily phonic sessions. The activities are designed to help the children understand how different rules work and there will be chances for the children to demonstrate their understanding on a Friday during phonics sessions. Please encourage your child to complete their spelling investigation.

Homework

We will be working on a cycle of Numeracy and homework projects. The Numeracy homework will be set every 3 weeks and should take 20 minutes to complete. The projects are to last 2 weeks and should take a minimum of 40 minutes in total. Please see the dates section for news of a new to year one parents evening where we will be giving more information to year one parents about these homework projects.

On **Mondays**, children will also receive a **10 minute** spelling investigation to support their Phonics work, which must be returned by the Friday of the same week.

If for any reason your child is unable to complete the homework please let us know. If you wish to comment on the homework please feel free.

PE and Games

Year 1 and 2 children have one PE lesson a week and will need to bring clothing suitable for both indoors and outdoors for the session due to the

changes in weather. Children should have a pair of black plimsolls or training shoes at all times. For safety reasons it is important that children do not wear jewellery for PE lessons. These should be removed before they come to school and long hair should be tied back.

PE

Indigo Class – Monday and Thursday

Ruby Class – Monday and Friday

Turquoise Class – Tuesday and Wednesday

Reading

Reading is very important, and a variety of texts are shared with the children in school throughout the curriculum. Specific aspects of reading are taught to the children in Literacy but they need a lot of practice in order to develop fluency and a deeper level of comprehension, enabling them to understand more challenging texts, and we look to you, as parents and carers, to support with this role. There will be the opportunity to change reading books every day although only if there is a comment in the reading record showing that you have shared the book. Please try and do this with your child as often as possible. Children are encouraged to be increasingly responsible for changing their books when they need to. Class teachers will write in their reading diaries every week.

We have new reading diaries this year with some different activities in them. Please also spend some time completing these activities as you reach them in the diaries.

Dates

Wed 16th September – New to Year 1 parents meeting 3.40 – 4.00 pm

Thursday 17th September – “Australia Day” - more info to follow

Friday 25th September – European Day of Languages

Tues and Weds 6th and 7th October – Parent Consultations

Friday 9th October – Harvest Assemblies

Monday 12th – Friday 16th October – Book Busters Week

Friday 23rd October – Individual Photographs

HALF TERM – 26th October – 30th October

Thursday 10th and Friday 11th December – KS1 Nativity Plays

Thursday 17th December – Christmas Lunch

Friday 18th December – Term Ends

Monday 4th Jan – School closed for Professional Day

Tuesday 5th Jan – Children back at school

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INDIGO, RUBY and TURQUOISE CLASSES
Autumn 2009

<u>LITERACY</u>	<u>MATHEMATICS</u>
Labels, lists and captions	1. Counting
Stories with familiar settings	2. Place value
Poetry	3. Addition
Traditional stories	4. Subtraction
Recounts	5. Mental calculation
	6. Money
	7. Problems
	8. Length
	9. Time
	10. Shape

<u>Autumn first half term</u>	<u>Autumn second half term</u>
<p>Our topic is Australia.</p> <p>We will be finding out about the country and comparing it to ours. We will be learning about the different habitats and animals there.</p> <p>We are going to look at and recreate Aboriginal designs, and have a go at composing our own music.</p>	<p>Our topic will be The Theatre.</p> <p>We will be finding out about the history of the theatre.</p> <p>We are going to make our own puppets and costumes to act out some plays, and will be composing our own words to well known tunes.</p>

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