

Year 1 Newsletter

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Hello everyone and welcome back!

We hope you all had a fantastic Summer break and feel refreshed and ready for an exciting year ahead! We would like to take some time to revisit some information and share new routines which will help us as we move forward in Year 1.

As always, please feel free to come and speak to any of the Year 1 team with any questions or queries you may have. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs Winter via our class email address (dtcyear1@tudhoe.colliery.co.uk) or the school office (01388 814 399).

Medication

Please ensure any inhalers and prescribed medication needed are brought in to school as soon as possible. All medication must be in date and have your child's name on the prescription label.



If your child has been prescribed medication you **MUST** fill in a form which can be found on the school website or at the school office and inform a member of the teaching team. We cannot administer any medication without written consent and instruction.

Clothing

We aim to keep the children as active as possible during break and lunch times and therefore all children will need to wear practical footwear for school. Velcro shoes are most practical if children cannot tie shoe laces. We encourage children to develop their independence, so children are also encouraged to fasten their own coats. Please ensure clothing and footwear are **named**.



During the cold months, please ensure your child brings a hat, gloves and warm coat .

Red book bags/Homework

The Red Book Bags given at the start of Reception should still be used in Year 1 for the children's phonics and Dream Read books. These bags should be brought in every morning for children to enjoy their books during Independent Reading time. Homework Clarification Sheet for more info will follow soon.



Water Bottles

Children are encouraged to bring a small, named water bottle to school every day. These should contain water and be taken home every evening to be cleaned and refilled. Please do not put these into book bags as they can leak. We are lucky enough to have chair packs in Year 1 where children will store bottles in the built in insulated pouch so they should not be oversized bottles.



Fruit

As part of the National Fruit Scheme, EYFS and Key Stage 1 children receive fruit daily. Children are also able to bring in one other healthy snack from home e.g. a cereal bar or fruit. Chocolate bars/snacks, crisps are not permitted.



P.E

Children will be required to come into school dressed in their PE kit (joggers/shorts, t-shirt and a jumper) on a **Tuesday**. If your child wears earrings, they will need to be removed by your child, removed before school, or tape can be provided for the PE session.



Dream Reads

We will be continuing our popular 'Dream Read' scheme in class. This is designed to provide children with opportunities to share age related childhood books with their adults at home. The books are designed to be read by the adult and this provides brilliant learning opportunities. The children choose their Dream Read book every Friday, therefore all Dream Read books need to be returned every **Friday**.

We discourage children from putting water bottles in their bags as they often leak and damage school books. Accidents do happen with books that have been brought home, so if this happens please let us know so we can discuss a replacement book so other children do not miss out.

Our marvellous day

We know your children are absolute superstars and we can't wait to see how much they blow our socks off in our Year One lessons!

Our days will always start with reading, Phonics, writing and Maths. Then our afternoons will be full of fun learning opportunities covering, History, Geography, Science, RE, PE, Computing, ART, DT, music and PSHCE. We will always end our day with a class story.

We will also have time built into our week for singing, play and sharing our news.

Please make sure the children have their phonics book with them every day.

Breaktimes and lunch times will remain the same. Children will be on first sitting for lunch.



Topics

One of the main transitions from Reception to Year One is the less Choosing Time and the introduction of National Curriculum subjects. However, that doesn't mean all the fun is over we will ease in to full time table across the year and still have lots of fun opportunities in our learning. We have some amazing topics coming up to help us explore our world: Science: We are learning about Everyday Materials—get ready for lots of sensory exploration. We will also be kicking off with the story Beegu by Alexis Beacon. In RE: We will be learning about Christianity. In Geography and History we will be exploring the UK and The Great Fire of London. In PSHCE we will be exploring what makes us the same and different. We will explore what makes us special, our homes, our surroundings, families, and how to keep ourselves safe and healthy. Further activities will stem from the children's interests.

If you ever have any questions, queries or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Winter

Awards / rewards

We are super lucky in Year one as there are lots of rewards up for grabs each week!

Independence Award is given to the child with the most independence points. Independence points are used throughout the day and are given based on the behaviour wheel. The lucky child will get to take home our class Arthur.

Gold Writer Award is given to the child who has tried extremely hard in writing.

Arthur postcards are still up for grabs and we can't wait for you to collect many more postcards as the term gets underway!

Plus many more...

A new handwriting style

This year we will be learning Kinetic Letters writing. Kinetic Letters is an evidence-informed programme that builds the cognitive and physical skills for handwriting.



Some upcoming books we will explore this term. Please also see a our dream read books on our school webpage.

