

Happy New Year and Thank you

Thank you for all the generous presents we received at the end of term, we hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and wish you all the best for 2016.



Homework



Homework books will come home on Friday; homework will be set on **Friday** and is to be returned by **Wednesday**. We would be grateful for your support in helping your children in completing their homework. Class Dojo points will sometimes be awarded for effort in homework. Please see the separate homework letter alongside this letter for further details.

PE Kits

Please send in a named bag a white t – shirt, black pumps, blue shorts. We also suggest a sweater for the cooler months. Please put names all items of clothing.



PE days:

Mrs Cunha /Mrs Ripper – Thursday and Friday

Mrs Hughes/Mrs O' Hara – Tuesday and Wednesday

Mrs Marshall - Monday and Tuesday



New Topics

The new topic in Key stage 1 this term is Let It Grow! We have chosen this topic as it covers many of the things the children are interested in and also meets many exciting areas of the National Curriculum. Below is a table showing some of the themes the children will be covering in each subject throughout the topic.

English	Classical texts – Charlotte’s Web Non Fiction – How is milk made? Stories related to farm animals Poems linked to texts
Maths	Measuring and weighing fruits and vegetables, plants and animals. Heavier and lighter, ordinal numbers, sorting animals
Science	Animals, including humans Plants and Growing
History	Farming in the Past , Louis Pasteur, Changes in storing food, jobs on the farm
Geography	Farming around the world, Fair Trade, comparing farming in other countries to farming here, Mapping the farm, seasons.
Art	Collage, animals prints and patterns, printing techniques, weaving, Andy Warhol
DT	Models of farms, scarecrows, making animals shelters, milkshakes.
PE	Dance linked to animals, growing and changing.
ICT	Word processing and coding
PSHE	Healthy lifestyles, Fair Trade, valuing difference, growing and changing
RE	Foods in religious celebrations including Christianity, Judaism and Hinduism
Music	Old McDonald, Farm Yard Jamboree, comparing different pieces of classical music linked to animals, discuss what they like or dislike about pieces of classical music.



Water Bottles

Please send in a water bottle each day for your child to have access to during lessons. These should be taken home each day and fresh water sent in.

Frequent access to water improves concentration and encourages good health.

Reading Records

Thank you for the support you show with regards to commenting in your child's reading record. It is invaluable to teachers to know that your child is receiving support from home in reading and your comments help us to decide whether to change books, move levels and support your child. **Please aim to read with your child for 15 minutes every night and comment in their record book.** We endeavour to listen to your child twice a week in school, one to one and through Guided Reading.



Library Books

Your children have the opportunity to visit the library in the week, please remember to return the book to school after reading as we have a number of outstanding library books that need to be returned.

Class Dojo

Class Dojo is up and running in each class and the children love getting points as rewards throughout the day. Thank you to those of you who have signed up to receive notifications about your children's successes in school. The winning children in the week bring home the Dojo Buddy with instructions on what to do, the children are delighted with this and are looking forward to their turn to bring home the Dojo Buddy.



Thank you for your continued support,

The Key Stage 1 Team