

Welcome to Year One

Teaching staff: Mrs Bullingham, Mrs Jackson & Mrs Bays

Topic!

Our topic this term is Superheroes. We will be looking at fantasy and real life superheroes as well as thinking about what makes us special. We are hoping to have a 'Superhero Day' towards the end of term but we will send out details for that in the future.



PE!

PE lessons will be on a Friday. Please have your PE kit (named) in school where it will be left. PE will be mostly outside so please make sure they are wearing joggers/jumpers if the weather is colder.



WOW Vouchers

In your child's book bag there should be a few wow vouchers. These can be filled in at home for the children to share with the class back at school. It can be an achievement such as riding a bike, attending ballet lessons, sleeping in their own room, trying new foods or helping others. Any moment that you feel they have done particularly well in, is good to share. Every wow voucher earns them a house point too! (Wow vouchers are available to print off the website too).

Jumpers, Coats etc

Children should have coats in school every day as the weather can be very changeable. Please remember to **NAME ALL UNIFORM**. It is very difficult to return any item of clothing that does not have a name on.



Spellings & Phonics!

Spellings will be sent home on a Friday in their yellow reading diaries. They need to be practised at home ready for a test the following Friday.

Also on a Friday, we will send home by email the phonics learning for the following week so you can support your child at home.

Please note the spellings and phonics homework will not start till next Friday

Reading!

This is the single most important thing you can do with your child. Reading is key to a lot of the children's learning at this age and therefore daily reading helps them a lot. Children that fall behind in reading are often those that are not practising at home.

In Year One we join the rest of the school with the reading challenge. We check how many times the children have read each Friday and get a percentage of how many children have read 3 times or more. The winning class gets a special reading treat. Our aim is always 100% so please read with your child and record it in the yellow reading diary.

Your child's reading books will be changed on a Friday when they will be given 3 reading books for the week. You may feel that some of your child's reading books are too easy for them but Ofsted now tell us that the children should be able to read almost every word on their own (95% accuracy). Their reading at home with you should be to practise their fluency.

The books can be read more than once to increase fluency. Alongside this they are welcome to read their own books at home and please remember to read to your children at any point.

Please leave school books and the yellow reading diary in their book bags daily as we often read with the children at school too.

Library books will be changed on a Friday also.

This will be recorded in the back of their yellow reading diaries.



Unwell?

Please remember if your child is unwell, keep them at home till you are sure they are well enough to come to school to make sure no illnesses spread. You will need to let school know first thing in the morning.

It's good to talk...

Please remember that we are here if you have any questions or problems. We are available at the end of most days for a quick chat or our email address is class1jb@leonardstanley.gloucs.sch.uk

I am really looking forward to a fantastic year!

Best wishes,
Mrs Bullingham