

Larch Class Autumn Term 2018 Newsletter

Welcome to Reception/ Year 1. Our class family is called Larch. I am Mrs. Ogden, the class teacher and Mrs Poutney and Mrs Cook are our teaching assistants.



This half term our topic is 'Toy Story'. We will be looking at our favourite toys and comparing them to the toys that our grandparents used to play with. We will be learning about how toys have changed over the years. We intend to set up a museum in our class and invite other year groups to come and have a look.

Other subjects:

- Art- clay portraits
- Design and Technology- designing a photo frame
- Science- the 5 senses, identifying body parts, exploring how humans grow and finding out why exercise is necessary!
- RE- Harvest and Diwali
- Maths- place value, addition and subtraction and shape
- English- exploring stories, linking phonics to writing and using taught sounds to write.

Reading

The children have a home reading book which should be read daily. At this stage we do not expect Reception children to be able to read the book, but it is more for you to share together. The child's reading record should be signed every time someone hears them read; please date and add any comments.

Words

As part of their year in Reception and Year 1, your child will be given a set of high frequency words for you to practise at home with them. We assess them weekly and move on when they are able to read the words.

Homework

This will usually consist of English/Phonics and Maths. This will be given out on a Friday and is due back the following Thursday. House points will be awarded if homework is returned on a Monday. Thank you.

Our PE days are Tuesday and Thursdays. Please ensure that your child has both indoor and outdoor suitable clothing and also all items are clearly named as lost property builds up very quickly! Thank you. We will be learning games and athletics this term.

Spellings in Year 1

Children have a spelling book which should come back to school every Friday. They will have between 3-5 spellings to practise at home. These will be tested every Friday, so please ensure that your child has their spelling book in school. If you prefer, you could ask your child to make the words by using magnetic letters, or they could use coloured pencils or even chalk on the pavement!



Reception

If you would like to see what your children have been doing at school, then please log into your tapestry account. Anyone who is experiencing problems with this, please come and see us. We value any contributions that you put on at home and these all count towards your Child's Early Learning Goals - thank you.

Year 1

The National Phonics Screening check usually takes place in June. To help your child at home please encourage them to read, read, read! This should include; books, posters, labels, notices and magazines. The more words that your child is exposed to, the more it will help. If you would like any further ideas or support or if you have any questions then please come and speak to me. Thank you.

I hope this is useful and if any questions arise please don't hesitate to contact me. I am available to talk before school from 8.45 am and after school most days.

Please check our webpage at www.cowley.lincs.sch.uk/

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