



Larch Class Newsletter Autumn Term

Welcome to Reception/Year 1. Our class family is called Larch. I am Mrs. Ogden, the class teacher and Mrs. Poutney is our classroom assistant.

This term our topic is called 'Amazing Me.' In history we will be looking at our family tree and comparing our own childhood to that of our grandparents. In geography we will be exploring the Union flag and what it represents and looking at our local area.

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 more for you to share together. Their reading record should be signed every time someone hears them read, please date and add any comments.

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 every Tuesday and move on when they are able to read these words.

Year 1

A spelling book will be handed out to Year 1 children. 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.

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.

If your child suffers from any medical conditions that will affect them in school please come in and discuss this with us.

Homework

Homework usually will 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. The class are keen to fill their house point pots up!

I hope this is useful and if any questions arise please don't hesitate to contact me. I am available to talk before school before 8.50 am and after school most days.

Please check our webpage at

www.cowley.lincs.sch.uk/

Many thanks.

Mrs Ogden

