



Hartwell Primary School

Class 1 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you all had a great Christmas and that your children are all set for the next term in Year 1! Our topics this term are: Under the Sea (Spring 1) and New Life (Spring 2).

The children have had a brilliant first term and they have made a fantastic start to Year 1. I have been so impressed with their enthusiasm and 'growth mindset' towards our learning. Please can I reiterate how important it is that your child reads at least 4 times a week at **home** in addition to learning tricky words, spellings and their maths games. Thank you so much for your continued support at ensuring this occurs.

All children will continue to take home two maths games every other Monday which we ask are completed at least twice. Once your child has completed this activity, please write it down in the orange book (inside the maths pack) as this helps us monitor the games issued and completed. Children will also continue to take home new spellings every Monday which they will be tested on the following Monday.

Reading books will be changed by an adult on a Monday and home school diaries will be signed by myself. This allows me to issue Dojo points/effort marks to children reading at least 4 times a week. Any child completing a full 7-day reading week will automatically receive another Dojo point for award of the day. For the rest of the week, we encourage independence by asking the children to change their own reading books as soon as they enter the classroom in the mornings. Prompts will be given to the children to remind them.

The phonics test is advancing and as previously mentioned, will take place in June. The spellings which are brought home are spelling patterns they can expect to see in the test. More information about the test will be given at the next parent's evening and in Summer Term 1. I will be doing practice tests with the children in the run up to this and there will be lots of practice and work towards this in school.

The children will be participating in indoor PE on a Monday afternoon (Real P.E) and on a Tuesday morning (Gymnastics). Please ensure that your child has their PE kit including plimsolls on these days. In addition, please make sure that your child has a water bottle in school everyday. Bottles will be returned on a Friday afternoon for washing.

I look forward to another positive term in Year 1! Thank you again for all your continued support at home. If you ever have any questions or concerns please feel free to come and see me anytime.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Aldous