

# Class One Newsletter

## Autumn Term



Hello!

It's a pleasure to be welcoming the whole class back for the start of a new academic year. This newsletter contains some key information and details about Class One (also known as Rabbits Class).

The new start brings with it new guidance procedures for keeping safe in the classroom. This has been sent out, and can also be found online at <http://www.foxton.leics.sch.uk/classes/year-1-and-2.php> Please feel free to come and speak to me about anything regarding these procedures.

Who's who?	<b>Mr Lambden</b> is the class teacher. <b>Mrs Thurlby</b> also works in our class in the mornings and <b>Mrs Bratu</b> in the afternoons.
PE	This year, we have PE sessions on <b>Wednesday afternoons</b> . On Wednesdays children may come into school for the day wearing their PE kit, rather than school uniform.
This term	Our topic this term is <b>Farms</b> . We will be learning all about life on a farm and using this topic to help in our writing, geography and art lessons. In maths, we will begin with counting, ordering and place value, before moving onto addition and subtraction. We try to keep touching on a range of mathematical skills and subjects as we learn, so expect to see some shape, time and money, too.
Reading at home	In Key Stage One reading is, above anything else, the most important thing for your child to practise. In order to stick to safety guidelines, we will be sending home books twice a week. We will send <b>three</b> books home on <b>Mondays</b> and <b>Thursdays</b> . Please try to read every day. <u>Any reading is good reading!</u> If you only have time to read two sentences, or decide to share a book and read <i>to</i> your child instead of having them read, then this all counts and is valuable. We send home reading records and reward children for consistently reading at home. Please sign the book to indicate you have read (or have shared a book together). You do not need to write any long messages, but if you wish the books can be used to communicate your thoughts and queries to us, and vice versa. If you do struggle to find time to read at home then please let us know, as we can make efforts to help in school time.



Homework	I send home a piece of homework every Friday in your child's homework book, to be completed by the following Wednesday. Our school also uses two websites called <b>Purple Mash</b> and <b>MyMaths</b> . I sometimes set homework on these platforms, and will let you know when I do. Some children will already be familiar with using these, but I will be sending home detailed instructions and login information in your child's homework book.
Spellings	There are a lot of words listed in the National Curriculum that children are expected to be able to spell by the end of year one and year two. Along with the weekly homework, I assign 4 or 5 words a week for your child to learn at home. We then have a spelling quiz the following week to see how well we have remembered them. I pick most of the words from the Year One and Year Two spelling lists, as set out by the National Curriculum. For your reference I will send a list of these home. If your child enjoys the challenge then feel free to practise any of these spellings at home.
Show and Tell	I am sure your child will agree that this is the most important part of the day! Unfortunately, this year we cannot bring in physical items into school, so there won't be the "show" part of Show and Tell. However, we will still have "tell", which gives children an excellent opportunity to practise and develop their communication and language skills. We operate a system of "special people" in class one. At the end of each day we pick two names from a pot who are then the "special people" for the following day. These two people can tell the class some special news or interesting things about themselves or something they are interested in.
Where to find me	I am here to answer and questions or queries you may have, however big or small. I always try to make myself available before and after school in the playground, and am usually still at school until around 5pm, so can also be reached by telephoning the school office.

Many thanks,

Mr Lambden  
(Class Teacher)

