

# Year 1 Newsletter



**Year 1 staff at  
Colmers Farm Primary**

Term 2  
January newsletter

## Year 1 teachers

Miss Wood and Miss Kent

## Teaching assistants

Mrs Embley, Mrs Burley  
and Mrs Bellew

# Africa



## Important Dates

Wednesday 15th and  
Thursday 16th February  
Parents evening

Wednesday 8th February  
Maths workshop

Friday 19th February  
School closes for half  
term

Monday 27th February  
Teacher training day

Tuesday 28th February  
Children back to school

Dear Parents/Carers,  
We hope you had a wonderful Christmas  
and Happy New year!  
This newsletter contains information about  
your child's learning in maths, English and  
topic. If you have any questions we are  
here to help.

## Useful websites:

- [www.colmersfarm.bham.sch.uk](http://www.colmersfarm.bham.sch.uk)
- [www.primaryresources.com](http://www.primaryresources.com)
- [www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-](http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-)

## Maths

- given a number, identify 1 more and 1 less
- identify and represent numbers using objects and pictorial representations including the number line, and use the language of: equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, least
- read and write numbers from 1 to 20 in numerals and words

## PE Kit

PE is every Tuesday. Please  
ensure that your child wears the correct  
PE kit to school on this day.

## Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a filled  
water bottle into school. Please remem-  
ber that only water should be brought  
into school.

## Topics

History and Geography — Africa—Let's go on Safari  
Science—Animals  
ICT- iData and iProgram  
PE- Gymnastics and Yoga  
RE- Who is a Muslim?  
Personal Development—Living in the wider world

## English

- apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to de-code words
- respond with the correct sound to graphemes (letters or groups of letters)
- Naming the letters of the alphabet in order
- Begin to form lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place
- Saying out loud what they are going to write about

## Homework

Homework is sent out every Friday. Please ensure homework is completed and handed in by Tuesday the following week. Also, continue to encourage your child to practice their counting and number bonds, as well as using their phonics.


## Reading

Children change their Read, Write, Inc phonic books every Monday. Please ensure old books are returned so new books can be handed out. Children change their own reading for pleasure books when it suits them, this can be daily or weekly.

# Well-Done!

What a fantastic start to the year we have had! This term we are looking for the children to show off previously taught skills from last term. If they keep working this hard we will have a year group of SUPER learners. The Year 1 team are feeling very proud and want to say a big well done!

## Homework expectations

KEY STAGE 1 - YEARS 1 AND 2						
	Reading	Grammar or Handwriting	Maths Activity (Year 1)	Mathletics Online (Year 2)	Spelling Shed Online	Topic homework
Monday	Reading should take place at home daily (min 10 minutes per day)			Can be used throughout the week, but a minimum of once a week	Can be used throughout the week, but a minimum of once a week	Work from the knowledge organisers may be completed at any time.
Tuesday						
Wednesday						
Thursday						
Friday		Homework given out	Homework given out			

Please note that this is the minimum amount of homework given out each week. There may be occasions when your child receives additional homework to this.