

Year 1 Newsletter



Term 1
September newsletter



Meet the Year 1 staff at Colmers Farm Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,
We welcome you and your child to Year 1 and we hope that they have had a great start to the academic 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.
Kind regards, Year 1 team.

Important Dates

Thursday 28th September
Local walk.

Wednesday 25th October
Black Country Living Museum trip.

Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th October
Parents' evening.

Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November
Half term.

Monday 6th November
Teacher training day.

Wednesday 15th November
Phonic inspire workshop.

Useful websites:

- www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org
- www.primaryresources.com

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 Wednesday. Please ensure that your child comes into school in a suitable PE kit every week.

Water Bottles

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

Topics

Topic — Houses and homes
Science — Everyday materials
ICT — iSafe, iAlgorithm, iWrite
PE — Fundamental skills and ball skills
RE — Who is a Christian?
Personal Development — Respectful relationships

English

- Apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode 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 will be sent out in the coming weeks. In the meantime you can be encouraging your child to practise their counting and number bonds, as well as using their phonics.


Reading

Children will be bringing a phonic book and a reading for pleasure book home over the next few weeks. Children should be able to read their phonic book independently. Reading for pleasure books are for you and your child to enjoy together. Please record when your child has read using their bookmarks.

Well Done!

The first days back can be quite daunting, especially after having longer away from school than normal. All of the children have taken everything in their stride and settled in brilliantly. Many staff around school have already commented on how fantastically Year 1 have started the school year. The Year 1 team are feeling very proud and want to say a big well done!

Homework expectations

KEY STAGE 1 - YEAR 1			
 Excelsior Multi-Academy Trust	Reading	Spelling Shed Online	Topic homework
Monday	Reading should take place at home daily (min 10-15 minutes per day).	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			

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.

At Colmers Farm reading is an extremely important part of our curriculum. We know that confident readers, who have a love of reading, make brilliant writers, and grow in confidence across all areas of the curriculum. With this in mind, please read with and listen to your child read at home as regularly as possible. To evidence this, please sign your child's reading bookmark and they will receive a hot chocolate nomination.