

# 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

Tuesday 6th February—  
Wednesday 7th February  
Parents evening

Monday 12th February—  
Friday 16th February  
Half term

Wednesday 28th February  
Parents' maths workshop

Wednesday 6th March  
Childrens African  
drumming workshop

Dear Parents/Carers,  
We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and a 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.  
Year 1 team

## **Useful websites:**

- [www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org](http://www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org)
- [www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10](http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10)
- <https://classroom.thenational.academy>

## 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 Thursday, please ensure that your child wears their PE kit to school.

## Water Bottles

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

## Topics

History and Geogrpahy — Africa—Let's go on Safari  
Science—Animals including humans  
ICT- iWrite and iData  
PE- Gymnastics and Yoga  
RE- Why does Easter matter to Christians?  
Personal Development—Living in the wider world

## 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

At Colmers Farm Primary School, reading is a top priority and is a key driver for our curriculum. Please ensure you are listening to your child read at least once a day. To evidence this, please initial and date the bookmark which is sent home.

Additional handwriting homework is sent out every Friday.

Please ensure homework is completed and handed in the following week.

# 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	Spelling Shed Online	Topic homework
	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	Work from the knowledge organisers may be completed at any time.
Monday				
Tuesday				
Wednesday				
Thursday				
Friday		Homework given out		

During the summer term, all children in Year 1 will take the phonics screening check. Please make use of the speed sounds chart, found below, and practice the sounds with your children.

### Complex Speed Sounds

#### Consonant sounds

f	l	m	n	r	s	v	z	sh	th	ng
ff	ll	mm	nn	rr	ss	ve	zz	ti		nk
ph	le	mb	kn	wr	se		s	ci		
					c		se			
					ce					

b	c	d	g	h	j	p	qu	t	w	x	y	ch
bb	k	dd	gg		g	pp		tt	wh			tch
	ck				ge							
	ch				dge							

#### Vowel sounds

a	e	i	o	u	ay	ee	igh	ow
	ea				$\overline{a-e}$	y	$\overline{i-e}$	$\overline{o-e}$
					ai	ea	ie	oa
						e	i	o
							y	

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ue			ore		er					
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