

# Welcome to Year 1!

## Diary Dates:

- ◆ Please look at the school website for all of the diary dates for the year.
- ◆ Additional dates will be added to the weekly newsletter, which is also available on the school website.
- ◆ Please see the office for more information on how to add your details to the parent text list.
- ◆ Homework to be returned on Monday 19th October 2020
- ◆ School website link: [www.wickfordprimary.uk](http://www.wickfordprimary.uk)

## Noticeboard:

- ◆ Please name all book bags and personal items (water bottles, clothing, coats, gloves, hats!)
- ◆ PE days - MONDAY & TUESDAY. Please ensure that long hair is tied up (girls and boys) and that earrings are removed.
- ◆ Homework is given out on Fridays and is expected back no later than the following Wednesday.
- ◆ Spellings - listed on the website, please practise these at home. Spelling tests are completed on Fridays.
- ◆ Reading books will be changed on FRIDAY.
- ◆ We will try our best to hear your child read at least once per week. Please be patient during busy periods e.g. Christmas.
- ◆ We do not encourage the children to bring items from home into school due to loss and damage.
- ◆ Watches - We encourage the use of analogue watches to support the development of telling the time. NO SMART WATCHES PLEASE as these are a distraction and break safeguarding rules.
- ◆ Water bottles need to have a spill proof lid please.

## How can you help your child?

- ◆ Listen to your child read as often as possible (daily is best!) encouraging them to choose a range of books and texts at home or from the library.
- ◆ Read to your child.
- ◆ Encourage the use of phonetic sounds (not each letter name) when children are unfamiliar with the words. Reading fluently is essential for the children to master.
- ◆ Ask questions about what they have read - use the coloured bookmarks in their reading dairies to help with this.
- ◆ Practise the spellings that are sent home each week, which will support both reading and writing.
- ◆ Ensure your child is able to write both, their first name and their surname!
- ◆ Encourage the use of maths skills in everyday situations (e.g. finding change, reading the time and identifying shapes).
- ◆ Talk to your child about what they have done during the day. Ensure that there are opportunities for them to listen to you too!
- ◆ Support your child to complete all set homework.
- ◆ Practice counting in different ways - 0-100, 100-0, 1s, 2s, 5s, 10s etc.