



St. Nicolas' CE Combined School Taplow

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I hope you all had a great summer break and are ready to be back at school, exploring the possibilities in year 1. We have a fun and exciting term of learning ahead of us and I hope you are looking forward to the opportunities that are to come. Please look out for Oscar Bear coming home with your child. He is going to help us recognise changes in the seasons over the year, and will be accompanied by further explanation!

Year 1 is a fantastic year for your child to develop their skills for learning. They should use their growth mindset to explore new challenges and face them with confidence. To do this, it is important that children arrive at school on time, ready to start the day, and that absences are kept to a minimum.



Essential Information

Monday	- English/topic based and maths home learning in - PE	- Please bring in your <u>home learning</u> books every Monday. - Come to school wearing your <u>PE kit</u>. Please make sure that if your child is wearing footwear with laces, they are able to tie them themselves and that earrings are removed for PE days.
Tuesday	English/topic based and maths home learning out	You should spend no longer than 20 minutes on each piece of home learning.
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday	PE	- Come to school wearing your <u>PE kit</u>. Please make sure that if your child is wearing footwear with laces, they are able to tie them themselves and that earrings are removed for PE days.
Everyday	- Reading books and planners in school - Labelled water bottles in school	- We aim to make the most of any additional reading opportunities – please ensure books are in book bags and reading has been logged. - Please ensure planner is in school so log ins are to hand. - Please make sure your child has a coat – we aim to play outside even in the rain

Maths

Having a secure knowledge of number fluency will help strengthen number knowledge in readiness for solving calculations.

Maths at this stage of learning can be very practical. Encourage your child to count their toys or books, help measure ingredients when cooking or play shops to allow them to handle money!

Reading

Reading is an essential part of your child's education. It is important that they read a wide range of books to develop their understanding and vocabulary. Please read a few pages of a book every day and record this in their planner. Books should be read at least twice to develop fluency.

Spellings

It is important for your child to practise their termly spellings to ensure good spelling in their work and the development of their vocabulary.

Water bottles

Please make sure your child brings a named water bottle **every day**.

Home Learning expectations

Home learning will be set once a week to allow families to have flexibility in completing tasks around other commitments. Please let us know if there are any questions about tasks or reasons why they cannot be completed on time. Tasks should only take 15 to 20 minutes each, and can often be broken down over the week.

Art and DT

This term we will be exploring 3D form in art looking at how to design and make a range of structures. In DT we will learn how to make moving pictures.

English	RWI: story writing, descriptions, instructions	
Grammar	Leaving spaces between words, using full stops and capital letters	
Maths	Numbers to 10, then 20, part whole models, addition and subtraction, shapes	
Science	Seasonal changes; Animals including humans	
Geography	The continents	
RE	Creation 'Who made the world?'; Incarnation 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?'	
PSHE	Me and my relationships, anti-bullying, valuing difference	
Art and DT	Art: structures	DT: moving pictures
Computing	Technology around us; Creating media – digital painting	
PE	PE: Attack, defend, shoot; dance Games: rugby and netball themes	

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have anything you wish to discuss. We will check for notes in planners, but please encourage your child to let us know if there is something they particularly need to show us. You could also pass on important information by emailing the school office, or arrange a telephone call or a meeting before or after school.

Mrs Bunce, Miss Dye and Mrs McGill