

Dates to remember:

Date	Event
Monday 8 th January	Children return to school
Thursday 18 th January	Captain Scott Workshop (Virtual)
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 6 th February	Parent's Evening
Thursday 8 th February	
Monday 12 th February - Friday 16 th February	Half term
Monday 19 th February	Children return to school
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Monday 11 th March - Friday 15 th March	Science Week
Tuesday 12 th March or Thursday 14 th March	Ruislip Lido Visits (Your child will attend 1 date)
Friday 22 nd March	FOLBA disco
Monday 25 th March	Wellbeing Workshop for Year 1
Thursday 28 th March @ 2pm	Term Ends
Monday 15 th April	Inset day
Tuesday 16 th April	Children return to school

Contacting your child's class teacher: If you need to speak to your child's teacher please contact the school office or talk to the teacher on the door. You can also email the teachers via the year group email: year1@ladybankes.school and we will get back to you as soon as possible.



Year 1 Newsletter

Spring Term 2024

Edition 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope the following information is of help to you. The aim is to give you more detailed information about activities and events taking place in Year 1 this half term.

We look forward to working with you and your children in the lead up to the February half term and hope that you all managed to have a safe, restful and enjoyable break.

The Year 1 team

Welcome back!

The children have settled back into Year 1 and we are extremely pleased about the learning that is happening in our classes.

This half term we are looking forward to learning all about the Polar Regions and we will be reading a variety of stories to support our learning in English. In Science, we will be looking at polar animals and what different animal body structures look like. In Maths, we will be following the White Rose schemes of work that will focus on addition and subtraction. We will be answering the key question, 'What makes a good polar explorer?' in our humanities lessons.

Trips and visitors' information 2023/24: You will be receiving some letters in the coming weeks regarding our trips for the rest of the year. When you receive these letters please ensure you complete the Google Form regarding these. As you will see on the diary dates, we have already planned some exciting free workshops and events too. We will update you on these in the future.

Home learning timetable: In Year 1 the children will be given home learning each week on a **Friday**. The children will be expected to complete these tasks and evidence should be uploaded via Google Classroom (a photo) by the following **Wednesday**. Each week we will provide the children with different short tasks to complete, these will be a variety of practical, speaking, drawn or written tasks to help support their learning from the week or in preparation for next week. On occasions, this home learning maybe due over a longer period of time so the due date will be made clear on the home learning. Your class teacher will write a comment on the piece of home learning for you and your child to see.

	Handed out	Due in
English	Friday	Wednesday
Maths	Friday	Wednesday
Reading	Minimum five times per week	
Topic	At the beginning of the half term (see website)	Throughout the half term (see website)
Spellings	Weekly	Tested in class

Spellings: The children have started learning their spellings at home and have been practising in class too. Please continue to support your child in learning these at home. We will be sending out more information via Google Classroom in the coming weeks to support your child in their learning.

Uniform: The children are looking very smart in their uniform but we have noticed lots of uniform that is unnamed. Please ensure all uniform, water bottles, PE kits and book bags are named.

P.E: Children are expected to have their named PE kits in for PE days. Class teachers will send the PE kits home at the end of each half term to be washed and these should be returned after the half term. Below you will find the day your child's PE lessons are.

	PE days	
1AM	Monday	Thursday
1DA	Monday	Friday
1CL	Monday	Tuesday

Please make sure your child is practising getting changed at home, as children should be working on their independence in this area. We have found lots of children need help with buttons and shoes so please practise at home. If your child is unable to tie shoe laces, please do not bring in shoes with laces until they have learnt. If your child would like to bring in black tracksuits and leggings for the colder weather please ensure they are **named**.

Information about Reading Books: You will find your child's reading book in their book bag along with their yellow reading diary. Please make sure that the book and reading diary are in your child's book bag every day. Once you have read with your child at home, please sign the yellow reading diary so that we know you have read with your child and then we will change their books in school. We change books on a Friday and return by the following Tuesday.

Please make sure the yellow diary is signed on a weekly basis; if the diary is not signed we will NOT change the reading book.