



Whiteknights

Growing Greatness

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a fantastic start to the term, with the children enthusiastic to learn about our new topic: **Healthy Me Harvest**. Please find overleaf information on our topic, as well as an overview of each subject.

The Year 1 team consists of many talented members of staff who are looking forward to helping your child succeed to their full potential. The team includes the following members of staff:

Jade Class

- Miss Mulford (Class Teacher);
- Mrs Hancock and Mrs Kaur (TAs)

Amber Class

- Mrs Gibby (Class Teacher); Mrs Syed (Trainee Class Teacher)
- Mrs Wynn and Mrs Tankala (TAs).

Year 1 pupils will be having Outdoor PE on Mondays and Indoor PE on Thursday. Children will change into their PE kit before the lesson and will come home in their PE kit. Please ensure your child has the correct kit to change into for these sessions and it is brought back for the next PE lesson. For Outdoor PE, it is recommended that trainers are worn.

Please ensure all clothing and items that are brought into school are clearly **named**. This includes; all parts of the school uniform, P.E kit, shoes, trainers, coats, lunch boxes, water bottles and book bags. This also includes any cold weather clothing for the winter.

Reading

This week, your child has brought home their reading folder. This folder must stay in their book bags and be brought to school every day. Please encourage your child to look after the books and respect the folder. If a reading book is damaged or lost you may be asked to pay for a replacement. Included in this folder, there will be a green exercise book which is their reading record. Please record in this book daily when you have listened to your child read. Please record the title, the pages read and any additional comments about their reading that you may wish to write. They will have three reading books. One is a Read Write Inc. Book Bag Book that the adults at school will change every third or fifth school day depending on their colour. The other is a fiction or non-fiction book that the child will choose themselves from the Library. Finally, the children will be given the opportunity every morning to change their free choice book themselves and this will be their responsibility to change.



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Topic

Every half term, we will ask the children to create something for that half term's topic. This half term our topic is Healthy me Harvest. Please support your child by creating a healthy eating snack at home and then create a poster, PowerPoint or a picture of the snack so the children can share it with the class. It would be great if the children were able to understand why their snack is healthy. This is due on **Friday 13th December**.

Home Learning

In addition to reading with your child daily, we ask you to support them with both their maths home learning and spellings.

Maths

This half term, we will be learning about subtraction to 10, 2D/ 3D shapes and pattern. We will also begin place value to 20.

Spellings

Every Tuesday, we will hand out a list of spellings for your child to learn. These spellings are linked to our English work and support them to write with confidence. If you can, please ensure they are frequently practised at home so that your child feels confident when they complete their spelling test the following Tuesday.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Many thanks,

Miss Mulford and Mrs Gibby

Year 1 Teachers