



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: **Transport**. 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:

Amber Class

- Mrs Gibby (Class Teacher);
- Ms Tankala and Mrs Wynn (TAs)

Jade Class

- Miss Mulford (Class Teacher);
- Mrs Kaur (TA).

Year 1 pupils will be having Outdoor PE on Mondays and Indoor PE on Thursdays. 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.

Reading

Every day your child will bring 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.

Children will have **four** reading books. Two are Read Write Inc. books. One is a Book Bag Book that the adults at school will change every third or fifth school day depending on their colour. The other Read Write Inc. book is the same as the one they are reading in class; this will be a book that children read to their adult to support their fluency and expression. One of the others is a fiction or non-fiction book that the child will choose themselves from the Library. The Library book will be changed every fortnight (on a Wednesday). 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.

Topic

Every half term, we will ask the children to create something for that half term's topic. This half term our topic is Transport. Please support your child with creating something to bring into school. This may be a picture, a model, research, recount of a visit, photographs or a piece of writing. Where possible, art and models to be no larger than a shoe box. It is up to your child what they create, please let them be imaginative. Please send it into school when completed, (Friday 7th February), with their name on, so we can share them with the class and put them on display.



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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 Homework.

Every Monday, a number of pages from the Maths Practice Journal will be set. Please support your child with answering and marking the set questions without moving beyond these pages. The allocated pages for each week's homework will be shared in the newsletter and on your child's classroom door.

Homework due date	Pages to complete
14 th January	45-47
22 st January	48-50
28 th January	51-53
4 th February	55-57
11 th February	58-60

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,

Mrs Gibby and Miss Mulford
Year 1 Teachers