



Whiteknights

Growing Greatness

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the Spring term. The children are enthusiastic to learn about our new topic: **Transport**. Please find overleaf information on our topic, as well as an overview of each subject.

Once again, 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 brought back for the next PE lesson. Indoor PE is just a school PE top and black shorts. For Outdoor PE, trainers are to be worn and a black tracksuit is recommended in colder weather.

Please ensure all clothing and items brought into school are clearly **named**. This includes; all parts of the school uniform, P.E kit, shoes, trainers, coats, hats, scarves, gloves, lunch boxes, water bottles and book bags.

Reading

Each day your child will bring home their reading folder. This folder must stay in their book bags and be brought to school. 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 reading record book. Please record in this book daily when you have listened to your child read, 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 band. 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 from the Library. The Library book is changed every fortnight (on a Wednesday). Finally, the children are 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 6th February), with their name on, so we can share them with the class and put them on display.

Home Learning

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

Thank you to all of you who have already supported your child in completing six Knighthood tasks from their Knighthood book, this means they are on track to receive their Paige award at the end of the year. If your child has not already completed the tasks, it is not too late!



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Maths Homework.

Every Tuesday, a number of pages from the Maths Practice Journal will be set. **Your child should now have completed their maths book to page 44.** Please support them in completing the weekly pages as this is valuable consolidation for the lessons taught that week. 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
13th January	45 - 47
21st January	48 - 50
27th January	51 - 53
3rd February	55 - 57
10th 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 Lewis and Mrs Teale
Year 1 Teachers



Year Group –1

Term - Spring 1

English– Read, Write, Inc. will continue to be the focus of our Literacy hour; developing phonetic ability, reading and writing. We will also be ensuring writing is developed further through our topic. This will include handwriting skills, plus independent and creative writing.

Maths–in year 1, Following White Rose, we are going to be learning about numbers to 20, including addition and subtraction. We will also start to look at numbers to 50, their place value and what they look like.

Computing – the children will be using Purple Mash to become 'Maze Explorers' by using directional keys to create and debug an algorithm.

DT– We will learning about the parts of a car and be making vehicles with a fixed axis and wheels.

Topic:
Transport

Geography – Not taught this term.

History – We will be exploring the history of transport and learning about how transport has changed over time.

RE - Christianity—we will be looking at how Jesus behaved towards others. We will also decide if it was easy for Jesus to show friendship to others who didn't show it back.

Science– This term we will be learning all about weather and seasonal changes. We will compare the weather across different seasons and spend time investigating and recording the weather that we see as the seasons change around us.

Indoor PE– Mini Muay Thai - demonstrating moves with a strong body, practicing balances and respecting others.

Outdoor PE– Multi skills—We will be looking at different ways of moving. For example, jumping, running, hopping etc.

Connect– this term we are going to be exploring the importance of 'giving to others'.

Curriculum Enrichment

Visit to Milestones Museum Basingstoke
(Friday 30th January)

Topic Projects

Our topic is Transport. Please support your child with creating a mode of transport. This may be a picture, a model 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 bring them in by **Friday 6th February**

Websites Worth Visiting

<http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/read-write-inc-programmes/phonics/>
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/> (Maths Games)