



Year 1 and 2 Newsletter

We have been very busy this half term and the children in the Butterfly class have really enjoyed learning all about the continents in Geography, the animals on each continent which we have drawn and painted using traditional art techniques from each continent. In PE, the children have been throwing and catching and developing team sports. They have also learned some dance sequences to Wellerman. They have enjoyed learning Sea Shanties including 'The Wellerman' for Music. In History, we have begun to learn about Captain Cook before our trips on Tuesday 7th November (Year 1) and Tuesday 14th November (Year 2). We also enjoyed learning about life in the 1970s during the week of our 50th anniversary. In English, we have used some lovely books and resources including The Way to Treasure island and When Ocean Meets Sky. In Maths, we have been learning about place value, money and addition and subtraction.

We hope you have a lovely break and look forward to seeing everyone on **Monday 6th November**.

Here are a few notices and reminders for after half term:

General	School Uniform	PE	Reading Books
<p>Collecting pupils from school: Adults collecting your children must be on the contact list or the School office must be notified if it is a different adult that will be collecting your child at the end of the day.</p> <p>Contact Numbers: We must have at least 2 working contact numbers for your child at all times. This is a matter of safeguarding and we must always be able to contact parents during the school day. <u>If your phone number has changed you must update it at the school office.</u></p> <p>Class Dojo Please ensure that you are signed up to Class Dojo to receive regular school and class updates.</p> <p>ParentPay: ParentPay – please remember that we are now a cashless school and all payments must be done so through ParentPay. If you would like help to download and log on to ParentPay, please contact the school office and staff will be happy to help you.</p>	<p>Please ensure that your child wears full school uniform each day for school (with the exception of PE days)</p> <p>Our School uniform consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black/grey trousers or skirt; • Pale blue polo shirt; • Blue school jumper/cardigan; • Black shoes <p>We expect all pupils to wear black shoes for school please ensure your child does not wear white or brightly coloured trainers to school as this is not permitted.</p> <p>Please ensure all your child's clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name.</p> <p>Also, some children have been wearing earrings for school. Please could earrings be removed to attend school.</p>	<p>After half term your child's PE day for both indoor and outdoor PE is Tuesday.</p> <p>Children should continue to come to school dressed for PE when it is their PE Day</p> <p><u>PE Kit:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shorts • T-shirt • Tracksuit (weather depending) • Suitable footwear – trainers or plimsolls 	<p>Your child must read at least 3 times a week. In KS1 reading books will be based on sounds covered in phonics lessons that week. The school follows the Sounds Write phonics programme which advises decodable books are read three times, improving the speed of decoding, fluency and pace.</p> <p>Once children have mastered the initial and extended code from Sounds Write they will follow the progression of colour banded books.</p> <p>Those children who read their books at least three times per week will be awarded five Dojos.</p> <p>Your child will also be bringing home a book to share. This can be for you to read to your child if it is not yet appropriate for their decoding level.</p>