

14th September 2017

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

We have had a very enjoyable first week back at school and Gigantic Giraffes class are certainly living up to our motto which is 'standing tall and proud of all we achieve'. They have learned lots of new routines and are ready to make progress with their learning and development.

This newsletter will give you the information you need to ensure your child gets the best start to being successful learners in Gigantic Giraffes class (year 1).

Homework

This year your child will be spending a lot of time developing their phonics skills (letters and sounds) to help them with their reading and writing. Towards the end of the school year they will need to take the statutory phonics screening where they will be expected to read a range of real and nonsense words (alien words). Reading **every day** at home will be key to your child making progress towards this. Reading books will be changed on Tuesdays.

Each week we will be sending home our words of the week, they will be added to your child's home school journal. You can help your child to learn how to read, spell and write these words. This can be done in a fun way such as searching for the words in their book, looking for the words when you are out and about or writing with bubbles whilst in the bath.

We will be sending home mathematics homework on Thursday, every child must complete this and send it back to school on Monday, if you need help to support your child with homework please speak to a member of staff.

P.E

We will be having two P.E lessons every week in year 1. Sometimes these lessons will be held in the outdoor area. Please make sure your child has a P.E kit in school at the start of the week (Monday). P.E days are Tuesday and Friday. P.E kits should include;

(for indoor P.E) A pale blue t-shirt, black shorts and slip on pumps.

(for outdoor P.E) A black long sleeved top, black leggings or jogging trousers, velcro trainers.