

# Year 1

Welcome back everyone! Below I have listed some important information for this year as well as giving you an insight in to the topics that the children will be learning about in Year 1.

## A little bit about Year 1

Year 1 will be slightly different for the class this year as there is a more structured approach. The children will be expected to complete more work but there will still be a practical element to a lot of lessons and an opportunity for children to continue their learning in continuous provision. As always our aim over the next few weeks is to help the children to adjust and settle in to their new class. The staff in our class this year are Mrs Dutton (Class Teacher), Mrs Flannery (TA) and Miss Hutton (TA).

My door is always open so please do not hesitate to come and have a chat or ask for a phone call. I would please ask that if you have any worries or concerns that you come and speak to me and we can resolve them as soon as possible.

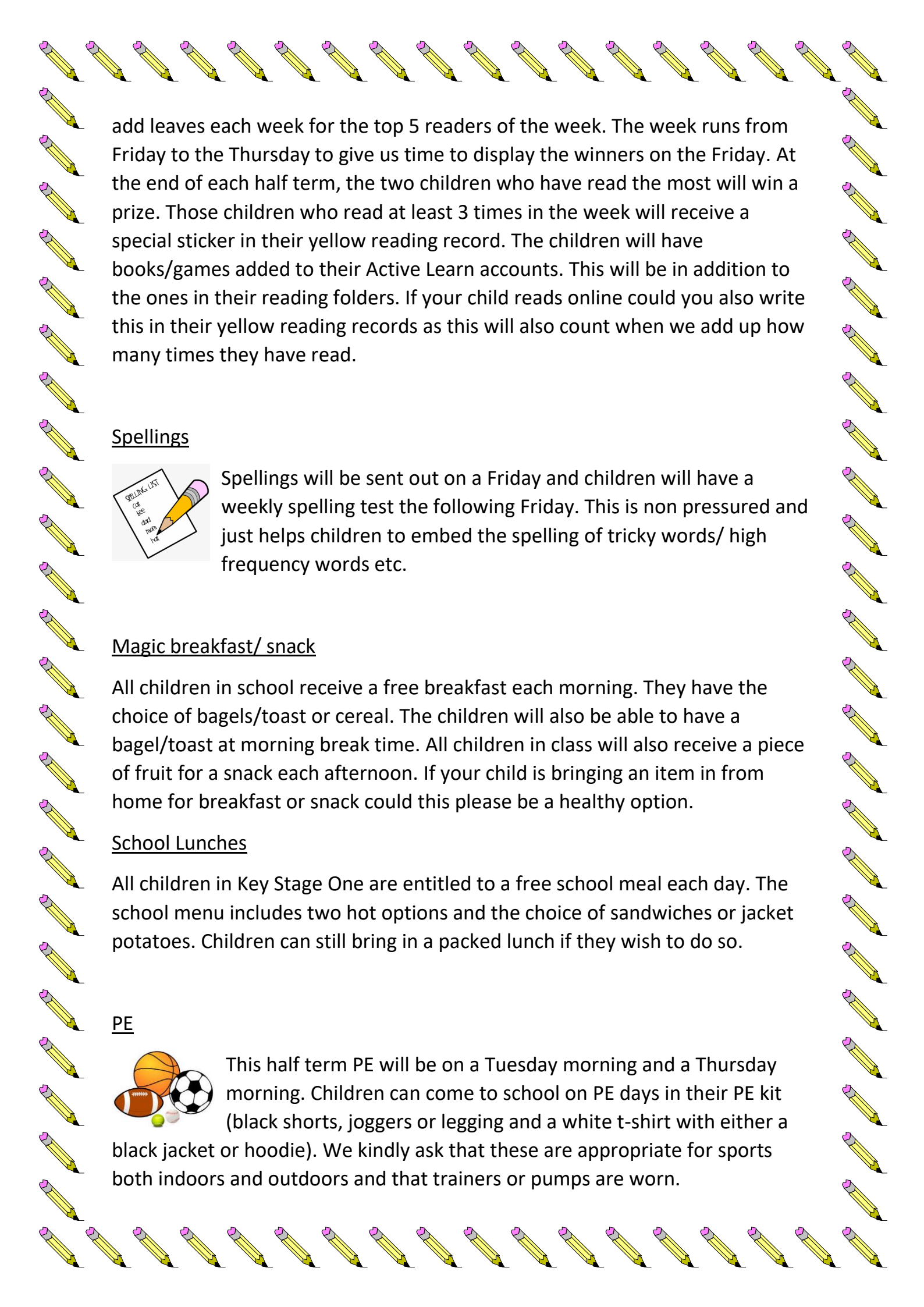
## Topics this year

1. Super Stories
2. Wonderful Weather
3. Dinosaurs
4. Kings and Queens
5. Animal Antics
6. Seaside

## Reading/ The Phonics Screening Check



Reading will be a huge emphasis again this year as the class will prepare for the statutory government Phonics Screening Check that will be administered in June 2025. Children will have the opportunity to read one to one throughout the week along with taking part in daily Phonics lessons, shared reading and guided reading. We ask that all children read **at least 3 times per week** at home. This will be hugely beneficial to your child's progress and will really help to prepare them for the Phonics Screening Check. If you need any support with reading at home, please just ask. We will continue to use the reading tree like we did in Reception to



add leaves each week for the top 5 readers of the week. The week runs from Friday to the Thursday to give us time to display the winners on the Friday. At the end of each half term, the two children who have read the most will win a prize. Those children who read at least 3 times in the week will receive a special sticker in their yellow reading record. The children will have books/games added to their Active Learn accounts. This will be in addition to the ones in their reading folders. If your child reads online could you also write this in their yellow reading records as this will also count when we add up how many times they have read.

### Spellings



Spellings will be sent out on a Friday and children will have a weekly spelling test the following Friday. This is non pressured and just helps children to embed the spelling of tricky words/ high frequency words etc.

### Magic breakfast/ snack

All children in school receive a free breakfast each morning. They have the choice of bagels/toast or cereal. The children will also be able to have a bagel/toast at morning break time. All children in class will also receive a piece of fruit for a snack each afternoon. If your child is bringing an item in from home for breakfast or snack could this please be a healthy option.

### School Lunches

All children in Key Stage One are entitled to a free school meal each day. The school menu includes two hot options and the choice of sandwiches or jacket potatoes. Children can still bring in a packed lunch if they wish to do so.

### PE



This half term PE will be on a Tuesday morning and a Thursday morning. Children can come to school on PE days in their PE kit (black shorts, joggers or leggings and a white t-shirt with either a black jacket or hoodie). We kindly ask that these are appropriate for sports both indoors and outdoors and that trainers or pumps are worn.



## Toys

As we have many interesting and exciting toys in class already we ask that children do not bring toys in to school as they may get lost or broken.

## Uniform

We kindly ask that all uniform is labelled to help us ensure that children go home with the correct uniform each day. Children are responsible for looking after their own jumpers/ cardigans, however it makes it a lot easier to find when they are labelled. Please ask a member of staff if you would like us to label them. We do ask children to store cardigans/jumpers in their trays to keep them safe.

## Class Dojo



Most parents are now signed up to Dojo and this is the platform that you will be able to also contact me on other than in person or through phone call. I will upload class photos, messages and the weekly spelling tests on here. If you are not signed up and would like support in doing so, please just ask and I will gladly help with setting it up.

As always thank you for your continued support, I am looking forward to another wonderful year with this class.

Mrs Dutton