



Year 1 News - February

+ 2 days of January

Welcome to our first Year 1 newsletter! I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Summer holidays. I am so looking forward to having a fantastic year with you and your child. We had lots of fun on our first day together- this year is going to be awesome! 😊

Calendar dates

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| 6/2 | Yr 1 & Yr 2 Parent Info Night
Info booklet will be sent home Monday |
| 14/2 | Valentine's Day ♥ |
| 22/2 | Parent Group Outdoor Movie Night
Tickets available @ trybooking.com |
| 1/3 | Curriculum Day- Teachers only
Students not required at school |

Don't forget the 'Flexibuzz' app for important school announcements.

Reminders

By the end of the week, please ensure your child has brought in:

- their green school hat
- an art smock
- a library bag
- a pair of slippers to be worn inside the classroom/Year 1 building
- 2 boxes of tissues (1 per semester)

Please return your child's photo/walking/ICT permission forms as soon as possible.

Pretty please label all of your child's belongings – hats, clothing, food tubs, sports balls, etc... literally EVERYTHING!

What we're learning

Reading & Grammar

- Predicting/Making connections
- Beginning sounds
- Chunking and syllables
- Common nouns
- Proper nouns

Maths

- Place Value
- Skip counting
- Symmetry
- Addition strategies
- 2D & 3D shapes

Writing & Spelling

- Handwriting (Ll, Tt, li, Jj)
 - Punctuation (C . ? !)
 - Recounts
 - Descriptions
- (All using the VCOP program.)

Integrated & ICT

- Knowing Me, Knowing You (getting along activities)
- Exploring Microsoft Word
- Maths Invaders
- Athletics and Reading Eggs

A note to you

Take home readers:

Our take home reading program will start next Monday the 4th February. On this day, your child will bring their green reader bag home with a reader in it, as well as their First Year 1 Word List. The aim of our word list program is to provide regular and enjoyable reading opportunities to supplement the reading lessons your child participates in at school. Further information regarding the Year 1 Word Lists will also be provided.

Morning reading will also begin on Monday the 4th February in our classroom. This runs from 8:45 until 9:00am every day (and must be a quiet time for students to settle in). A reading roster will be sent home and also displayed in the classroom. We encourage as many parents as possible to come in each morning so that every child has the opportunity to read to an adult. Your time is hugely appreciated!!

Assemblies:

School assemblies will continue to run on Tuesday afternoons from 2.40pm - 3.30pm. We will also be holding fortnightly Year 1 assemblies for students during the school day to celebrate achievements, discuss upcoming events and learn songs. Year 1 assemblies alternate with our Year 1 Fitness program to promote a happy and healthy lifestyle.

Class representative:

We are looking for a parent/s to become our class representative. This job involves making a list of parent contact details and organising social gatherings throughout the year. It makes everyone's year more enjoyable! Please let me know if you're interested 😊

Birthdays:

If your child is celebrating a birthday, you are more than welcome to bring along some treats to share with the rest of the class. Simply let me know in advance so that time can be set aside for this. **Please be aware some classes have students with severe allergies.**

Brain Food:

With a jam-packed timetable, we kindly request that all 'Brain Food' be manageable for your child to eat within 5 minutes. Bite sized pieces of fruit and veggies are ideal! Please encourage your child to place their brain food + drink bottle on their table each morning.

Some final info:

- Children are required to wear hats outside this term as part of our SunSmart policy.
- Doors to the Year 1 building are opened at 8.45am each day. Please wait to collect your child outside of the building at 3.30pm, leaving space for classes to exit the doors 😊
- This year, notices will come home in your child's green reader bag. Separate notice folders aren't used in Year 1. Class newsletters will be sent home each month and also uploaded onto our school's website to keep you informed with our busy school life!
- Written notification is required whenever your child is absent from school- either an email or handwritten note. Templates are also available on our parent noticeboard. All student absences need to be accounted for on our online attendance system.

If you have any queries, concerns or compliments please feel free to email your child's classroom teacher at any time throughout the year.

We're really looking forward to a fabulous year with you all!

The Year 1 team