
Year 1 Newsletter



Welcome Back to Hummingbird Class

April 2017 A warm welcome back to our third and final term in Year 1. Starting the term with **Iguana Week** has been both educational and fun. We have written iguana poems, made a class book about iguana facts, made iguana stick puppets, drawn and coloured iguana pictures and even learned how to tag iguanas just like the scientists on Little Water Cay.

Hummingbird News

Curriculum and Topic Information

In the Hummingbird class, all topics are designed to encourage creativity, curiosity and a love of learning. By focusing learning on one topic area, children are able to apply newly acquired skills in a meaningful way across the curriculum. Our topic this term, kick started by our fantastic Iguana Week is all about...

The Animals and Plants of the Turks and Caicos Islands. In this topic we will be learning all about a variety of local plants and animals, using stories such as 'Where is Simon, Sandy?' about a local donkey. We will have fun growing a variety of plants and will learn about animals such as potcakes and whales that can be found across our beautiful islands. To help you support your child at home, you will find more detailed curriculum and timetable information in the Parent Information Booklet and the Year 1 curriculum map for this term.

General Reminders

Uniform:

Please help Year 1 to be the smartest class in school by making sure your child is wearing the proper school uniform, including appropriate footwear and a **hat** for playtime.

- Please apply sunscreen before coming to school.
- Please bring enough water for the whole day
- Please label all your children's clothing.

P.E.

Our P.E. days are:

Monday – Orienteering

Wednesday –Tennis

Your child will need to come to school on P.E. days in their P.E. kit and bring their uniform in their bag to change into at school.

When **Swimming starts later in the term** your child will need to bring a swimsuit or pair of swim shorts, a suntop / rash guard, a towel and a pair of flip-flops. Swimming will be on Mondays.

On Wednesdays your child will continue to need their white P.E. shirt, a pair of shorts and a pair of running shoes.

Other Reminders

Birthday Party Invites: We are sure you understand that birthdays are very exciting for children at this age. If you wish to distribute invitations in school, please ensure there is an invite for all children in the class. If only part of the class are invited we ask that you distribute the invites outside school or between parents. Thank You

Punctuality: Children should be in school at 8.10am and picked up at 3pm. Children will be marked late at 8.15am.

Homework

In Year 1, **reading** is so important and so much fun. I will continue to send home books for you to share with your child.

These will be continue to be changed on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** each week.

Please try to encourage your child to bring in their books on these days so that they can read the maximum amount of books available to them. This continuity will help your child to become the best reader that they can be. After completing the reading books from the Year 1 classroom, your child will be encouraged to move over to the library where they will choose books which will be brought home in their individually decorated Book Bags. This term, Year 1 homework will also consist of weekly spellings to learn for a **Spelling Quiz on Fridays** and a Math's activity that reinforces the work being carried out in class that week. No more than 20 minutes should be spent on these activities unless your child wishes to continue.

I hope you find this information helpful. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to come in and speak to me, my door is always open.

Thank you

Mrs. Amanda