

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back!

Time is just flying by and we are already starting term three. Our topic is *A Winter Wonderland* and will be looking at a range of books such as, *The Gruffalo's Child*, *William's Winter Wish*, *One Snowy Night* and many more. In term three Year One are going to be planning an exciting trip, there will be more information to follow.

On the reverse side of this newsletter, you will find our topic web which outlines the main areas we are focusing on this term.

Throughout the year, the following will also be key to your child's success:

Phonics: Your child will continue to receive a daily phonics session (which is streamed according to phase/ability level). It is imperative that your child learns the correct pronunciation of all sounds, so please ask if you are unsure and would like support. The following site will also assist you:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/welcome-back/for-home/reading-owl/advice-for-parents/reading-at-home/phonics-made-easy>

Your child will also undertake a phonics screening test in Year One. To support you further, there will be a phonics workshop this term.

Reading: Your child should be **reading every day** for at least 20 minutes. This should include being read to, reading aloud themselves and discussing what has been read. **Please ensure you complete your child's reading record on each occasion** as this allows us to see how they are getting on and what they are enjoying. Also don't forget about **Reading Eggs** as this allows your child to access a wider range of books with quizzes and enhances their decoding and comprehension skills.

Attendance/Punctuality: It is imperative that your child attends school every day of the working week (unless they are poorly) and are on time (doors open at 8:35am for reading otherwise 8:40am start).

Being Organised: Please ensure your child has all the items that they will need for each school day, including a suitable outdoor coat, a PE kit (which can stay in for a whole term at a time) and their book bag which should contain their reading book, reading record and homework, when required.

Homework: Your child will continue to have spellings, maths and reading - this supports their learning in school and it is important that it is completed on time. Homework will be given out on a **Friday** and should be completed and returned by the following **Wednesday**. There will also be topic homework sent out over the holidays.

Thank you and we look forward to working with you.

The Year One Team