



MARTON-CUM-GRAFTON
CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

5th September 2018

Dear Year 1 Parents and Guardians,

Your children are doing a fantastic job of settling in to their new school year; learning routines and lots of new information. To ease the transition for you I have set out below some of the routines in class.

Words of the Week

Words of the Week will be sent home each Monday. Please practice writing these words with your children as they will be used in lessons and as part of an informal check on the following Monday. In the check, I will say each word to the children on its own and as part of a sentence to confirm context. The children will be expected to write these words on a whiteboard.

The words issued will be a combination of high frequency words, words containing current areas of our phonics learning and also topic related words. Some high words may be repeated throughout the year depending on class assessment.

Words of the Week books will be first issued on Monday 10th September and the associated check will be on Monday 17th September. Your child's Words of the Week book only need to be brought in on Mondays for new words to be added.

Reading books

Reading books need to be brought in to school every day. Your child may be given more than one book; it is not expected that these are read straight away.

Please try and read little and often with your child. From experience, 5 minutes a day can be more effective than one long session. You do not need to read the whole book in one sitting.

Your comments written in your child's reading planner are read each week and used in conjunction with in-school reading to determine the most appropriate actions for individual progression. Please add your thoughts as they do support your child.

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It is our class target for every child to read a minimum of three times a week.

Homework

Homework will be issued on a Thursday for completion by the following Wednesday. The homework will be a continuation of work we have undertaken in class.

Water bottles

Please provide your child with a labelled water bottle so your child can have access to this throughout the day.

School jumpers

Please ensure all jumpers and cardigans are named. It is so easy for them to get mixed up, we regularly check labels in jumpers left lying around and return them to their owners and those without labels are placed in the lost property box by the school reception desk.

Outdoor shoes

All children need a pair of outdoor shoes to be kept in school during the day. This is to help keep our learning environment clean, particularly when the winter weather sets in.

Communication

Please pop in to see me if you have any queries. If you feel you need a longer chat, please contact me via Dojo and we can arrange an appropriate time to meet.

Class Dojo has proved to be a very useful tool. Please ensure you register to receive all relevant information. Thank you to all parents who have already signed up.

Mrs Laverack