

Eynsham Community Primary School

Everyone Soaring to Success

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Welcome Year 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all, and many thanks for the kind, and generous messages and gifts over Christmas. We hope you had an enjoyable and restful Christmas break and we are looking forward to the new term ahead.



What your child will be learning this term:

Africa

In this geography-led topic, the children will be learning to name and identify the five oceans, seven continents and find the UK on maps and globes. We will explore how the continent of Africa has similarities and differences with our lives and lifestyles, including the animals there. We will be making as many links as possible, such as listening to African music and stories, exploring dance, art, weather etc.

Ways you can support your child's learning at home:

Reading - Thank you for all your home support with reading, we have been really pleased with the children's clear enjoyment of reading. Please try to find time to share a book with your child every day, they will receive a house point for every three comments in their Reading Diary. We check the reading diaries every Monday and Thursday to award house points and to see if they need changing. We will change it if we can see they have read it 3 times, or they can have it changed sooner if they let their teacher know.

Forthcoming Trips and Visits:

This term we will be visiting Cotswold Wildlife Park on Monday 23rd March, to see examples of African animals up close! We will have a tour of the African animals from a zookeeper to support our learning and will take as many photographs as possible! Look out for more information on this through parentmail.

Uniform:

Please see the uniform list below. Ensure all uniform is named so it can easily be returned to your child.

Uniform List

Navy blue crew neck sweatshirt (purchased from PMG Schoolwear) or plain
Navy blue V necked cardigan, (purchased from PMG Schoolwear) or plain
White or navy polo shirt, (purchased from PMG Schoolwear) or plain
Grey school trousers or shorts,
Grey school skirt or pinafore dress,
Dark Navy gingham checked cotton summer dress,
Grey or navy tights, grey socks,

Black school shoes, no training shoes.
Coat of your choice.

PE kits:

All children will need a NAMED sports kit suitable for outdoor PE this term. P.E. kit should come to school with your child on Monday ready for the week ahead and should be taken home to be washed at the weekend. Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery during PE lessons. Children with long hair must have it tied back. Please see the list below of the PE kit required. **Our PE days are Tuesdays and Fridays.**

PE Kit list

Navy logo PE shirt (purchased from PMG Schoolwear) – plain navy t-shirt if you prefer,
Navy logo hoodie (purchased from PMG Schoolwear) – plain navy hoodie if you prefer,
Navy shorts,
Navy jogging bottoms,
Training shoes.

Water bottles and snacks:

Children need a named water bottle in school each day. This needs to be taken home to be washed out and refilled. Year 1 and 2 are provided with a piece of free fruit or vegetable at break time every day. If children would like to bring their own snack to school, it needs to be a piece of fruit or vegetable.

Important dates for your diary:

Monday 5th January:

Tuesday 6th January:

W.C 9th February

Friday 13th February:

Monday 23rd February:

Tuesday 24th February:

Wednesday 25th February:

Thursday 5th March:

Monday 23rd March:

Friday 27th March

INSET Day

Term 2 (1st half) begins

Children's Mental Health Week

End of half term

Term 2 (2nd half) begins

Parents' Evening: 3:30-6:30pm

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World Book Day

Year 1 trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park Trip (More details to follow)

End of Term (Finish at 1:15pm)

If you have any questions or concerns, please do come in and let us know.

Year 1 Team-Mr Wilson, Mrs Maton and Miss Rayfield