

Loatlands Phase 1 News

Term 3 Newsletter
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Welcome back!

The children across Phase 1 have settled happily back into school routines and are enjoying all the exciting new topics we will be learning about this term.

This newsletter will provide information regarding learning, curriculum and events happening in Reception and Year 1 for your information. I have included a list of the stories and books we will be using as stimulus for our learning so you can talk to your children about our topics at home too.

PE days within the phase

Please remember that Children need a PE kit in school, long hair needs to be tied back and earrings must be removed.

Class	PE Days
Reception	Friday afternoons
Year One (Allberg)	Tuesday afternoon and Friday mornings.
Year One (Kipling)	Monday afternoon and Friday mornings.

Reading

Please continue to make sure every child has their book bag (not a backpack as they don't fit in the drawers) in school with their reading book and reading record every day.

It is a school expectation that every child will read at home daily and their reading record will be written in by their parent/carer every time.

Reception children will continue to change their reading books with their carer in the mornings, no more than twice a week. Year One children will continue to change their reading books once a week. Children will move up a reading band when the teacher is happy they can read with 95% accuracy.

Homework (Year 1 children)

Pick and Mix homework has been sent home by today and children should complete two Bigger Treats. Homework is due in on Monday 5th February. Please continue to ensure that your child completes penny sweets tasks daily.

New staff

We are delighted to welcome Mr Tom Rose to our Phase 1 team.



Mr Rose will be working for some of the school day in the Phase 1 classes as a Teaching Assistant. He will also be part of the lunchtime supervisor team and will spend some of the day with the older children.

Rosen Class will be welcoming a student teacher to work alongside Mrs Cross after the half term holiday, I will update you about this nearer the time.

House points

Mars house won the Space Race for Term 2 and more information will be on the main newsletter about their upcoming Mufti Day.

Website

This term, each Phase will blogging on the website with an update from each class. Please also check the school website and weekly newsletters for dates and information on upcoming events.

Plea for toys!

If you have been clearing out after Christmas and have any unwanted toy cars (small matchbox type) figures from TV programmes and films like Paw Patrol, Frozen, trolls etc, we would love to put them to good use on our child interest table. Thank you!

Curriculum overview for Term 3

Year Group	English Focus	Maths Focus	Topic Focus
Reception	<p>Quality Texts Dogs! -Emily Gravett Six Dinner Sid-Inga Moore I love guinea pigs-Dick King-Smith The foolish tortoise-Eric Carle The great pet sale-Mick Inkpen</p> <p>Types of writing Writing in our journals about exciting events. Story retelling using the books we are learning about.</p>	<p>Number: Counting and recognition of numbers to 20 Shape, Space and Measure: Size, weight and capacity.</p>	<p>It is all about pets in reception this term. We are going to spend a week focusing on dogs, cats, guinea-pigs and tortoises. We have a few special visitors to come and see us too, so we can learn more about how to look after and care for animals.</p>
Year 1	<p>Quality Text Monkey Puzzle – Julia Donaldson and Axel scheffler. A range of non-fiction texts.</p> <p>Types of writing Story retelling and writing an information text including labels and captions.</p>	<p>Number Adding and subtracting numbers within 20. Place value of numbers within 50. Multiples of 2, 5 and 10.</p>	<p>We are learning all about the jungle in Year 1. We will be finding out where to find them in the world, what the weather is like, what sorts of plants we would find there and the different types of animals that call it home.</p>

After half-term Reception will begin a new topic "Once Upon a Time" learning about traditional tales such as Red Riding Hood, The Enormous Turnip and Goldilocks and the three Bears. Year 1 will begin their new topic called "Princesses and Knights" learning about castles and stories around knights. More details will follow next term.

I am looking forward to seeing the children enthusiastic about our exciting topics, and being involved in lots of fabulous learning this term,

Mrs N Cross- Phase 1 Leader.