



Reading

Please listen to your children **EVERY** night at home

- Discuss characters and their personalities
- Sequence events in the story
- Draw attention to punctuation
- Ask the children to infer information from the text
- Predict the next event in the story
- Retell the story
- Practise reading with expression

Please do not feel you have to make a comment, but please do ensure you have added your initials to show that each book has been read at least twice. Repetition is key to the acquisition of new words and re-reading books will support this.

Reading books and reading records should be brought into school **every** day. Please remind your child to pop their reading folder in the box every morning.

A second book/text will also be sent home on a Wednesday/Thursday and will be changed the following Wednesday/Thursday.

Children will also be encouraged to choose a book from our wonderful school library.

Labelling

It is essential that you label **all** items of clothing and footwear. We can easily return items which are clearly named.

The most effective and lasting way is stick on/iron on labels. **Biro washes off!**

PE

Please ensure children have full Pembroge PE kit including a dark coloured tracksuit to wear for outdoor PE (no logos please). Children will need to come wearing their PE kit on a Thursday, and bring school uniform in a bag. We will send PE kits home on a Friday night.

Drinks and Snacks

Drink bottles and water are freely available at all times. We encourage children to bring healthy snacks for play time but don't forget 'Treat Tuesday'!

Fruit is always available for the children to help themselves to at playtime or when they arrive at school if they are hungry.

Reception and Nursery sit at tables for snack time.

Independence

Please encourage your child to be independent and be responsible for their own belongings.

Labelled drinks bottles should be placed on the draining board in the classroom.

Illness

If your child is ill please contact the school office as soon as possible via email or phone.

Morning Routine

After placing their reading folder, coat and lunch bag in the appropriate places your child will access their morning activities set out on the tables.

Phonics/Spellings

Monster Phonics is the scheme that we follow at Pembroge. New spelling lists for Year 1s, which link to the focus graphemes, will be given out once a week. The children will be quizzed on these spellings every **Friday**. Results will be uploaded to SeeSaw so you are aware which ones need revisiting.

A copy of the Year 1 common exception can also be found in the Y1 pack. The children are expected to spell these words accurately by the end of the year.

Please bring spelling folders in on a Friday.

Homework

Homework for Class 1 consists of daily reading for Reception and Year 1 and weekly spellings for Year 1.

In addition to this homework you can also:

- Complete the additional homework tasks based on our topics to earn team points. Each task will be allocated **up to** 10 team points, depending on the quality of the piece of work handed in. Please make sure children carefully consider presentation and always write in pencil.
- Learn to read and write the high frequency and common exception words for their year group.

Can you help?

- We are looking for the following resources if you are able to help:
- Loose parts play e.g. corks, bottle tops, cotton reels, conkers, pinecones.
- Baskets.
- Small, metal pots and pans and utensils.

We are Here to Help

If you do have any questions or concerns please do come and talk to us, we can only deal with issues if we are aware of them. Please contact the school office if you would like to make an appointment.

Mrs K. Griffiths (Monday, Tuesday)

Mrs S. Palmer (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)

Reading Helpers

We are always looking for helpers to listen to the children read on a regular basis. If you are able to give up an hour of your time please contact Mrs Targett in the School Office. We would be very grateful for your help.

Seesaw

Seesaw QR codes are included within this pack. Please let me know if you require a replacement at any point.

Memory Skills

We are continuing to focus on improving memory skills as poor memories have a huge impact on learning. A sheet of ideas has been included for you.

Please play as many games as possible to support this focus.

Home Arrangements

Please let us know if there are any changes to home arrangements as we cannot release your children to someone else without your permission.

If you have made regular pick up arrangements with grandparents or other families, please ensure the office is informed.

Allergies

Please remember we are a nut free school, this includes nut products such as Nutella sandwich spread.



Useful Websites

www.mymaths.co.uk

www.ictgames.com

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

<http://resources.woodlands.kent.sch.uk/>

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

