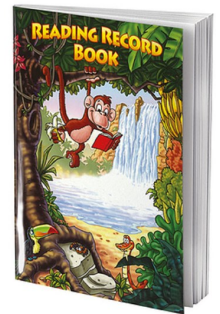




Dear parents and carers of Class 1,
I hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas break and are excited for 2024. Class 1 were spectacular in our infant nativity at the end of last half term and I was a very proud teacher. No doubt there were lots of proud adults in the audience too! If you haven't had the chance yet, be sure to have a look on the website at some of the pictures Mrs Ballard has put on of our star performers...This half term, we will

be focusing on being geographers! This will involve maps, flags, capital cities and different features of the countries that make up the UK. Any discussion of this at home will help to bring this alive! References to and/or memories of holidays, day trips or relatives that live across the UK are most welcome this half term.

Thank you so much with your support with reading at home. It makes such a big difference and the children are so proud of their progress! The expectation **continues to be that children read aloud their school reading book at home each day and that this is recorded in their monkey book.** All of this reading at home and at school is crucial in aiding fluency, supporting comprehension skills and, of course, building that all important love of reading!



Thank you also for your support and interaction with children's phonics learning. I know that some of you have been accessing the Floppy online resources and I hope that this has been helpful. Even if you are just reading and discussing the words again, anytime spent recapping this learning is time well spent.

Homework

Homework will continue to be set on a Friday to be returned the following Tuesday. Equally, our spelling quiz will continue on Fridays.

Our half term has a geography focus this half term and we will be looking at the countries that make up the UK. Here are our other areas of learning...

Addition and Subtraction within 20

Place Value within 20

Properties of Materials

Wordless Picture Books

Geography of UK

PE

Our PE days this half term will be **Tuesday and Thursday**. Please ensure children have a full kit in school so that they can take part in our lessons. Please also ensure that children with **long hair have a hair bobble in school** to tie hair back for our PE lessons.

If you have any concerns or queries regarding anything on here or otherwise, please don't hesitate to call me via the school office or catch me on the playground.

Mrs Humphrey