

# Year 1 Newsletter - April 2017

## What your child needs:

All your child needs with them every day is a coat, reading folder (with books and reading record) and their P.E. kit (this can stay in school for the half term). P.E. kit consists of pumps, black shorts and a white t-shirt. Children have free access to water to drink and continue to receive free fruit at morning break.

## Reading News

Governmental expectations have now increased in reading for the end of Key Stage 1 (Year 2) which has had a knock-on effect for children in Year 1.

As a school we are raising the profile of reading and ask that you continue to support us with this.

As an incentive for the children to do more reading at home, if reading records are signed as evidence that your child has read at home four times between their book change days each week, a reading dojo will be awarded.

This will start from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

Happy reading everyone!

## Reading Advice

Here are a few helpful hints for reading at home-

- Try to find a time that suits you both.
- Choose the place carefully- away from distractions such as TV or other family members.
- A shorter quality reading session is better than a longer distracted one.
- Make sure you are sitting comfortably.
- For a reluctant reader take turns and read a page each.
- Talk about the book when you have read it.
- Remember- reading should be enjoyable for both of you!

## Plants

Our topic this half term is plants and we will be visiting Simon Winstanley's garden centre to look at different plants and how they are cared for. We will be growing our own seeds and observing their growth and creating art inspired by Van Gogh. We will be finding out and naming the continents and oceans of the world and identifying physical features on a map. We will continue to observe seasonal changes and will be out and about the school grounds looking for common plants.