



Waterhouses CE Primary Academy

Celebrate Learning, Achieving and Friendship in God's Love

Happy New Year. We hope you all had a wonder break and welcome back to the first half of the Spring term and the many fantastic experiences this half term promises to hold for the children.

Below is some key information for you and your child. Please do take the time to remind them of the organisation of the week and encourage them to begin to take responsibility for organising their own PE and swimming kits and remembering when homework is due in etc! On the reverse of this letter, you will find further details about our topic for this half term—Moon Zoom

As always, we operate an open door policy so please feel free to come and see us at any point if you'd like clarification about anything and remember, our school website is a great place to keep up to speed with our latest adventures.

Kind Regards,

Mrs K Cooper

Christian Values

This half term our Christian value is **forgiveness** and our current British Value is **tolerance and respect**. As well as our **core Christian Values: Love, Hope, Respect and Trust**, our worships and some PSHE lessons will be focused on our current value. Please discuss our values with your child and think of ways they can demonstrate/develop these values this half term.



School Planners

Please remember that there are a plethora of useful resources at the back of your child's planner for home learning support. Your child's planner is also a tool of communication between home and school. We aim to update your child's planner regularly throughout the week so please do ensure they are brought into school every day to record in-class reading and to be used as a learning support tool.

PE

Otters' PE takes place on a **Friday** afternoon. Reminders about correct PE kit can be found in your child's school planner. The Key Stage 1 after school club will continue every Tuesday.



Swimming will take place every Monday afternoon. Again, there are reminders about the required swimming kit within the school planner. **Please remember swimming hats are an essential part of your child's swim kit.** Hats in house colours can be purchased from the office if required.

Health and Safety

Please ensure that earrings are taken out for PE and swimming. All children must have access to water throughout the school day, but especially on PE days. Your child should have a clean, labelled water bottle in school at all times.

Weekly Organisation Summary

Monday—Spelling test and swim kits. New spellings set.

Tuesday—After-school sports (if applicable)

Thursday—Homework due in and Taekwondo (if applicable)

Friday—Homework set and PE kits



Homework

Reading is a very important part of your child's learning. Children in Key Stage 1 are expected to read for **10-15 minutes a day** and recorded in their school planners. Your child will have either a levelled Accelerated Reader book(Y2) or a book matching their current phonics phase to read at home. Please discuss your child's reading book with them.

Spellings are usually sent home every Monday and are tested the following Monday (text updates will be sent out if these days change). Details of the spelling patterns covered in class will be attached to the top of the spelling homework sheets. Spelling homework can be completed on the sheets that will be sent home. A further literacy or maths task will be sent home along with a phonics activity (Y1) every Friday to be handed in the following Thursday.

Mental maths continues to be a key focus in school this year. To aid your child in their progression through their targets, please ensure your child practises on a regular basis. Websites such as Topmarks 'Hit the Button' provide online opportunities to support your child with their number bonds. Once your child has achieved their target this is highlighted in their planner. Year 2 children will also begin the Times Tables Rockstars again this term.