



Doves Newsletter



Happy New Year! We have all settled back into school after the Christmas break and are enjoying the start of our new topic of **Fire and Ice**. Please take the time to read our newsletter, which contains important information about the term ahead.

Dates for your Diary

Parents evening:-

- Tuesday, 8th February from 3:45pm
- Thursday, 10th February from 5pm

Safer Internet Day workshop - Monday 7th February

Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 8th February

Curriculum

Please find attached our curriculum information sheet for the two half terms taking us up to Easter. Our Creative Curriculum supports the New National Curriculum Year 1 programmes of study for Science, Art and Design, Computing, Design and Technology, Geography, History, Music and Physical Education. As part of our commitment to promoting children's spiritual, moral and cultural development, our curriculum also includes Religious Education and PSHE (personal, social, health and economic education).

A few reminders

Drinks and healthy snacks

Every child in Reception and KS1 are provided with a piece of fruit / vegetables at morning break. The choice changes daily and children are encouraged to try the variety of delicious healthy snacks available.

Children should have a water bottle in school every day that will come home each day to be cleaned and refilled. Children are allowed to have a drink, when required, throughout the day which is particularly important when it is warm and if the children have been doing physical activities.

Library

Library books will continue to be changed or renewed on a Friday so please ensure books are in your child's book bag on this day.

PE

Our PE lessons are on Friday, although we appreciate PE kit being available in school all week. We will take some of our PE lessons outside this term, so please send in jogging bottoms and a separate jumper, as well as t-shirt, shorts and plimsolls / trainers.

Long hair should be tied back on PE days and anyone with earrings should either take them out or bring in some micropore tape to cover their earrings.

Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name to ensure that we can easily return lost items (and make sure everyone keeps the right PE kit!).

Special Times

In Doves class we make time to share any achievements or celebrations like birthdays. Any other items to be shared with the class need to be related to our topic. Thank you for your understanding.

Responsibilities

Please may I ask you to remind your child if they have notes or letters in their book bag so they know to hand them in at the start of the day. Thank you.

Class Dojo

We have introduced class dojo in Doves and this is something we are trialing this term. It is a communication platform and an interactive reward system in which enables parents to view children's achievements and teachers to share outstanding work and behaviour. Parents should have received an email which allows you to see how many points your child earns.

Learning at Home

To confirm, children in Year One should be completing *no more than one hour* of homework each week. Children in Doves are expected to complete the following Learning at Home on a weekly basis:

What?	When?	How long?
Reading Book	3 times a week, books checked / changed weekly	At least 5 minutes each time
Home Spellings	3 times a week, book to be in school on Thursday, sent home on a Friday with new spellings.	5 minutes each time
Number Bots	Once a week, new task set each Monday to be completed by the following Monday	No longer than 10 minutes
Learning Log activities	Optional, activities set on a half termly / termly basis	No more than 20 minutes for any task

If you have your child's Learning Log at home, please can you return it to school so new activities relating to this term's topic can be added. Thank you.

Values

This terms values are: January - Unity; February - Liberty; March – Courage; April - Patience.

I hope you have all the information you need about Doves, but if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to speak to me on the gate at the end of the day or arrange a meeting via the office if you would rather discuss a matter in private.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Rolfe, Doves Class Teacher