



Class 1 Term 2

Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a wonderful half term.

We have a very busy term ahead and most of this is based around going back in time....to the 90s!

Our enquiry focus this term will be: *Why do people talk about 'the good old days'?*

We will learn about lives of children growing up in the 90s. What toys did they have? Where did they go on holiday? What music did they listen to? Historical links include: the opening of the Channel Tunnel, Nelson Mandela is released, the invention of the World Wide Web, Google is established, the opening of Euro Disney, the first Harry Potter book is published.... Wow, what a decade!

For our core subjects we will be focusing on the following:

English	Writing our own invented parts of the story Peace at Last by Jill Murphy Learning about the lives and books of British born authors with other heritage: Malorie Blackman Dapo Adeola Phonics: Beginning Phase 5 set 1 Reading and spelling the Tricky Words: oh, their, people, Mr, Mrs, called, asked (and consolidating all tricky words from Term 1) Continue to develop fluency by rereading books
Maths	Partitioning numbers into two parts Using a part-whole model One more and one less Shape and pattern with both 2D and 3D shapes Developing number fluency through daily fluency lessons

Reading

We are so thrilled with the progress we are seeing in reading fluency. Well done Class 1 and keep up the brilliant job you are doing!

At the beginning of term, we will be hearing children 1:1 to ensure they are bringing home a book of the correct phonics phase. Remember that the book should be an 'easy' read for them because we are teaching the children to develop their fluency – not decode every word. Our decoding focus is in Phonics lessons and on the first read of their book, plus many, many other reading opportunities through the week.

It is still extremely important that you read to your child. You may wish to look at the texts we are reading this term. Perhaps read these at home or find other books by the same author. You might like to read them children's books from the 90s or your favourite children's book. Reading high quality texts to your child plays a huge part in what sort of a reader and writer they will be in the future.

P.E

Mr Samaras will teach P.E on a Thursday morning. Please send your child to school in their P.E kit and remember that long hair must be tied back.

Ramsbury Estate Trip

We are excited that we will be out and about in the village on Wednesday 10th November. Please make sure you have read the ParentMail regarding packed lunch – this was sent out on Monday 1st November.

Before we leave, we will be having our individual photos so children **must** wear full school uniform but please send in wellies and appropriate wet weather coats.

If you have any questions, please do use our Class 1 email to get in touch.

Many thanks

The Class 1 Team