

Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 29th September 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

Firstly, thank you to all the parents who attended the Year 1 Open Evening. We hope it provided you with an insight into the Year 1 Curriculum. If you would like to find out more about Little Wandle Letters and Sounds revised please visit the parents section on their website (<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/>).



In Phonics, we have started to introduce some of the Phase 5 alternative spelling patterns. This week, we have learnt 'ay' as in play, 'ou' as in cloud, 'oy' as in boy and 'ea' as in sea. Please keep practising these sounds at home to help your child when reading and spelling words containing these sounds. Our tricky words for the week have been: said, says, you, do, like, little.

In Maths this week, we have been comparing sets of numbers to say which has the most, the least, fewer, a greater amount or an equal amount. We introduced the inequality symbols (e.g. $4 > 1$ or $7 < 9$) to compare numbers. Next week, we will be ordering and sequencing numbers.

We have been very impressed by the number of children accessing last week's Purple Mash 2do. Please note, Home Learning will be collected in on a Thursday with new Home Learning being issued on a Friday.

We really appreciate your support with helping your child to read. In Year 1, we recommend that your child reads with you every day in order to help them make good progress in their reading. Please initial the reading diary each time your child has read their Little Wandle reading book.

This week in Year 1, we have introduced a reading challenge called 'The 50-Book Challenge'. Children are encouraged to choose a book from the 50-book box each week. It will be signed out of school when they take it and signed back in when they return it. This challenge continues throughout your child's time at Woodhouse, with books changing to ensure they are age appropriate. In the front of their reading diaries there is a sheet for the children to keep track of which books they have read by ticking each one once read. This book is in addition to the Little Wandle reading scheme book and is for your child to enjoy with an adult.



On Monday, 1H thoroughly enjoyed their first swimming lesson! 1N will swim on **Monday 2nd October**. Both classes will then swim from **9th October**.

Dates for your diary:

Open Door 1H- Tuesday 17th October, 9.10am-9.40am.

Open Door 1N- Thursday 19th October, 9.10am-9.40am.

Important:

Please be aware that we have had some cases of headlice in Year 1. If you would like any further information or support on ideas of how to manage headlice then please just ask.

Many Thanks

Miss Hepworth and Miss Nicholson