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KS1 Update Letter

Welcome to Zebras, Panthers and Giraffes



Dear Parent/Carer,

Well the new school year has arrived and it has been lovely to see the children smiling and keen to see their friends. We will be helping the children to settle into their new classes this week and we will be learning new routines, finding our way around our new classrooms and making sure everyone is happy and confident to restart our more formal learning.

Reading



Within the next couple of weeks your child's teacher will hear them read and then your child will be bringing home a reading record, a 'Dive into Reading' colour banded reading book and when their phonics teacher feels confident the child can read their new Read, Write, Inc book they will then send home a copy of this book too. Remember that the Read, Write, Inc. book that your child brings home will have already been shared in school and we just want them to re-read them as often as they can so they become more fluent in their reading. Please return these books in the zip wallet provided for your child to take to their phonics teacher once they have been shared with you at least twice. Please also remember to ask your child the comprehension questions at the back of the books.

Spelling

Spellings will be sent home for all children on a Friday. Year 2's will have a set of spellings which will be sent home in a spelling book each week and the book needs to be brought back in for the next set of spellings to be added by the following Friday. Please practise these words at home each day so that your child feels confident to use these words independently in their writing.

Year 1 will be learning 5 spelling words each week but these will be learnt through a combination of practical activities, games and handwriting in school and will be tested in school on a Friday.

We will be posting both the Year 1 and Year 2 spelling lists on Tapestry each week so that you are able to see the words that your child is working on and can still access these to practise them if their spelling book has been misplaced.

PE

All children in Year 1 and 2 will need to come to school in their PE kits on **Wednesdays**. This is when indoor PE, including dance and gymnastics, will take place.

Physical Education

Please can your child come **to school in their PE kit on their Outdoor PE day also:**

Zebras – Tuesday

Panthers – Thursdays

Giraffes – Monday



Tapestry



During the last academic year including the lockdowns, our current Year 2's used Google classroom to access their home learning. We have taken on board feedback from parents and will be trialling using Tapestry for communicating information about learning, setting home learning and of course for capturing and sharing the children's exciting learning experiences. We have most of the children already set up on this from when they started in Foundation and will endeavour to ensure that all children in Key Stage 1 are added in the next few weeks. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have noticed that you are not receiving information through Tapestry and we will attempt to sort this as soon as we can. If you are unsure of how to login to Tapestry please let the class teacher know.



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Please note that we are hoping to be able to use the **'Memos'** feature on Tapestry to send home information also. There is a tab for this that can be found at the top of the screen but can only be currently accessed via the Tapestry Web browser rather than the app. So please check this section regularly. Tapestry have informed us that they are in the process of adding this to their app so hopefully this will appear soon.

If a child is isolating as they have tested positive for Covid we will also be providing home learning via Tapestry. We are really hoping that we will not need to use this but feel we must be prepared for any possible interruption to learning.

Education City

This year the whole school will be setting weekly home learning through 'Education City'. This is an engaging program with fun activities to help children with both Maths and English. In Key Stage 1 we will initially be setting 1 English and 1 Maths activity on a Friday to be completed by the following Friday. Teachers will be able to see how the children are getting on each week and adjust the level activity set if necessary. We will be sending out details of how to log on to this shortly.

Amazing me!

After a short trial and very positive feedback from parents, we will be launching 'Amazing me!' for all the children in Key Stage 1. Instead of sending home a class pet with a diary, which we have done previously, we successfully trialled each child posting a mixture of 5 pictures or videos on Tapestry showing how amazing they are. It was fantastic and we saw videos of magic tricks, trophies being awarded, photographs of bike rides and even catching their first fish! The children wear a special crown and cloak on a Friday and share their pictures with their class.

Personal Items from Home

We ask that children refrain from bringing any personal items into school. If they wish to share something with their class or teacher, please upload a photograph or video to Tapestry. Children do not need to bring in their own hand gel as it will be provided in class. Please ensure all items of clothing, book bags and lunch boxes are named so we can reduce the number of lost items. Please ensure your child has a labelled water bottle each day with **ONLY** water to be sent in to school inline with our Healthy schools policy.

Communicating with the teacher

If you have made alternative collection arrangements, for a playdate for example, or need to pass a message to the teacher, please leave a message with the member of staff who you will see on the Key Stage 1 door each day and they will ensure this message is passed on before the start of the school day or please email the school office.

If you have an issue or query you would like to discuss in more detail with the class teacher then please do not use Tapestry to contact the class teachers as this may get missed but instead email the school office at admin@bransgore.hants.sch.uk and we will respond to your email as soon as possible.

Twitter

Don't forget to catch up with some of the exciting learning that your child is taking part in as part of Key Stage 1 @BPS_JungleTeamKS1



I hope that you find this information useful and we hope to keep you posted with any further information or changes. Don't forget to watch out for messages and information on Tapestry too!

Miss Cox, Miss Sparks, Mrs Kirby and Mrs Staddon.

The Key Stage 1 Teachers

