

Excalibur Primary School

Year one Newsletter

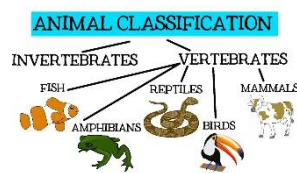
Autumn 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome to a new school year!



We hope that the children have had a wonderful break and that they are ready for the launch of our new exciting topics!



Our science topic for this term is “Animals Including Humans”. We will be exploring the human body and senses before classifying animals into different groups. We will discuss why some creatures make better pets than others.

Our history topic for the first half term is “Gunpowder, Treason and Plot”. We will be exploring Guy Fawkes and the motives behind his treachery! Geography will then take over for the second half term and we will be looking at our local area, using map skills and identifying features on aerial photographs.



Homework

In your child's homework book will be a sheet outlining the homework for that week. There will be a handwriting activity including the spellings for the week. Please ensure your child is holding their pencil correctly and forming their letters as per the Read Write Inc formation sheet. One or two short activities will be set on Seesaw at the end of each week. These will vary in terms of subject focus but will usually be a consolidation of something we've already learned about. If appropriate, there will be some challenges set on “Mathletics” for your child to have a go at (Login details can be found on login cards).

Read, Write Inc books will be sent home when the children have shared them in their group, along with a second book that uses the same sounds in a new adventure. Please return both Read, Write Inc. books on Mondays.

Library books will be changed every Thursday. These books are designed to be shared with an adult and allow the children to enjoy hearing a story read to them.

Remember...



PE will take place on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. Year 1 children will need to keep their PE kit at school. Due to school health and safety rules, long hair should be tied back. Earrings should be taken out or covered with micropore before arriving at school. Children should wear suitable footwear with fasteners that they can manage themselves. They are also welcome to wear joggers or tracksuits as some of our lessons may take place outdoors. These should be school colours if possible.

Children need to bring fresh water in a labelled bottle every day. A healthy snack can be sent in for play time or a hot snack (a choice of toast or a crumpet) can be ordered. A piece of fruit will be provided by school for afternoon fruit break. Alternatively, a piece of fruit can be sent into school if your child has a particular preference.

If you have any questions, we are more than happy to help! We look forward to welcoming your children back to school and beginning our year 1 learning journey!

Miss Taylor and Mrs Thompson