

Minutes Year 1 Q&A

When do they do library?

Every Wednesday afternoon

Do we use tapestry?

We don't use tapestry same way as year R. we use it to send weekly updates.

Homework?

It's not extensive, you will get a homework sticker. Please read with your child. Later on, in the year practise spellings with your child. At this point we give you suggestions based on what we were doing in maths and English and how you could continue at home.

Words home like in Year R? All sight words are in communication books and 5 spellings a week will be sent on homework sticker later in the year. Learn a few at a time. It's the same common exception words. At the moment the focus is to be able to read them.

Year 1 expectations?

Reading: get to green band – expected level for year 1 by end of the year.

Writing: expect to write sentences independently with correct punctuation and be able to spell most CEWs.

Maths: biggest focus on number and calculation. Being independent in their methods when calculating with addition and subtraction and later on in the year multiplication and division. Calculate with numbers up to 20, we want them to be confident and fluent in this. Learn the number facts. Read and recognise numbers to 100.

Homework sticker?

We are continuing with the year R communication books and will put a sticker in there every Friday. We will check with all children that they have all their green home communication books.

How often do the children change their reading books?

We read with the children every few weeks. Children can change their book every day, we always encourage children to in the morning and at the end of the day. Books are in the corridor; children can choose a new one themselves from the book box depending on their book band.

How to teach a child to write straight/in the lines?

They write on lined paper from the start of year 1. Start with wide lines and then as the handwriting improves the lines get smaller.