

St Thomas More Primary
School, Kidlington.



WELCOME TO YEAR ONE

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Equipment



What do your children need each day?

- Water bottle
- Book bag - Every day with reading record (coming home early next week)
- P.E kit - To be left in school (Including trainers, shorts, T-shirt, jogging bottoms and sweatshirt) - indoor & outdoor each week.
- *St Thomas More School uniform, Please label EVERYTHING!*

Morning Routines



- The children place their coats on pegs and book bags in trays.
- Children settle to their carpet places for registration.
- The timetable for the day is then displayed on the whiteboard.
- The children begin their school day.

Our School Day



- 8.50am register followed by: whole school assembly, hymn practice, key stage one assembly or class prayer service.
- Brain-gym and water
- Phonics
- English
- Break including snack
- Maths
- Lunchtime
- Reading
- CLIC Maths
- Topic lesson; DT, art, history, geography, RE, etc.
- Story time and home time

Our topic this term...



Moon Zoom

Key question - what is beyond our precious world?

Innovate our own space story (English) and design our own salt dough planet (Art).

Reading Systems



- Reading at least 2 pages 4 times a week. Please comment or sign in the reading record and children will get a star on the reading chart.
- Children will have 1:1 or group reading session every week
- Reading carousel: key words, book corner, puppets, topic books, phonic games
- Volunteer 1:1 readers - Thursday afternoon's - DBS
- Library

Phonics, Spellings and Handwriting



- Children are in groups for phonics and have daily phonics sessions.
- Focus is on learning sounds, applying them for reading and spelling and building sentences.
- The children will begin to learn cursive handwriting.
- www.phonicsplay.co.uk

Homework



- Spellings: Link to phonics, first 100 high frequency words or tricky words.
- English: We are focusing on writing a simple sentence at the moment. Later in the term we will write fact sheets and our own space story! Homework will be linked to our classroom learning.
- Maths- Will be focused around work we are doing in class also.
- Should take no longer than 20 minutes.

School Systems



- We celebrate personal achievements obtained outside of school on a Friday in assembly.
- Medicines and slips/payments need to go to the school office.
- No jewellery (studs covered).
- Please update the office staff if there is a change in pick up arrangements before the end of the day.

Class Systems



We encourage the children to have:

- A lions courage
- Be proud of their own ability and achievements
- Show good listening

We encourage the children to:

- Wait their turn to speak
- Listen to what others have to say
- Be a class helper (monitors)
- Be the best that they can be - Certificates are given out on a Friday during celebration assembly
- Have a growth mind set - tokens are shared in Friday's celebration assembly also.

Keeping in touch



- Celebration certificates
- Newsletter
- Head Teacher coffee mornings
- Class assembly (once a term)
- Two parents evenings (5th or 7th November)
- Third parents evening towards end of term
- Longer parent meetings - just contact the office

What can you do at home?



- Practise counting in 10's forwards and backwards starting from any number.
- Counting in 2's forwards and backwards from 0.
- Ensure your child is reading everyday.
- Practise cursive handwriting (see hand out).