



# Spring Newsletter

Wagtail Class – Mrs Read-Graves

Welcome to the latest edition of our class newsletter. In science we will be exploring the characteristics of animals to help us identify and sort them, and in history we will be learning about 2 significant individuals whose discoveries changed the way we look at the natural world. We will also continue to explore capital cities of the United Kingdom and the seas that surround it during geography sessions.

## PE Schedule & Equipment

Our P.E session is on a **Tuesday** afternoon. Your child will need a **named** P.E kit at school containing;

- Black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms
- Westfield PE top
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Westfield cardigan or jumper

In the event of your child being unable to participate please let me know via class dojo. Please ensure that earrings are not worn on PE days and hair is tied back.

## Correct School Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform each day, including black shoes and a water proof coat. Please write your child's name in all pieces of clothing to allow lost items to be returned.



## Water Bottles/ Lunch Boxes/ Healthy Snack

Please ensure all bottles, lunch boxes and pots are **named** so that they can be returned at the end of the day. If your child is bringing in a healthy snack from home, please have it ready to be placed by their peg when they enter the classroom.

## Reading

As a reminder, the expectation is for Year 1 to read at least 3 times per week and that any reads are recorded in their reading log. Please do continue to support your child's learning by listening to them read and sharing books together at home.



## Reap the rewards of Reading!

Please ensure reading books and logs are returned and placed on the outside cupboard in home learning folders **every morning**. Books will be changes every **Monday** and **Thursday**, and reads will be counted every **Thursday**. The class reads percentage will be calculated and shared in the celebration assembly on a Friday.



## Home Learning/ Class Dojo

In addition to reading, all children will be given handwriting and phonics homework each week each week, as well as the option to complete an activity from the takeaway homework grid. Homework books will be collected and marked every Monday ready to be returned on a **Wednesday**. Photos of completed home learning need to be uploaded to the **portfolio** section of class dojo by **Monday**.

## How to Upload to Portfolio

First ensure you are logged in as the child.

Next click where it says 'Wagtails 2021-2022'

You will then see 'My Portfolio Create New'

Click on create new, this will then bring up 4 options. Choose the way you would like to share the learning by clicking on the appropriate icon.

**What to Upload**  
A photograph of...  
1. Completed home learning

Free apps like 'piccollage' are a great way to add multiple photos of the same learning task in just one image.