



Dear Parents/Carers,

THANK YOU!

Following on from yesterday's handwriting information session, we would like to explain and send home a new handwriting homework pack.

Can we just say a huge thank you to those of you who did attend the information session yesterday! We really appreciate you taking the time out of your busy schedules to support your child's learning and us as your children's class teachers. We hope you found the morning interesting and worthwhile!

Those of you who could not attend, we appreciate you have other commitments and it was not possible for them to be changed. All information, plus downloadable handouts and website recommendations from the session will be on the **school website** to be accessed at your earliest convenience. However this letter will give you the basic information needed to support your child's handwriting at home.

HOMEWORK

Handwriting is a very important developmental process for children and therefore, in Year 1, we want it to be a key focus from now until the end of this academic year. We have put together this handwriting pack as the start of a new twice weekly piece of homework.

Included in this pack:

- A named zip wallet
- A named handwriting book
- A sharp pencil
- A laminated pre-cursive and cursive example alphabet (for you to keep)
- A laminated information sheet about correct pencil grip and posture activities (for you to keep)
- A laminated handwriting families sheet with formation rhymes and letter pictures (for you to keep)
- A cursive card for your child to copy.

This homework pack will be sent home with your child on a **Tuesday and a Thursday** afternoon to be returned the following day. We expect every child to return their

handwriting pack so we can check, mark, award raffle tickets and prepare, ready for the following day. We appreciate things can be misplaced but we urge you and your child to take care with these handwriting packs as a lot of time and effort has been put into preparing these for every child in Y1 to ensure there is no preparation needed on your behalf.

In order to be successful the children are to sit and carefully copy the cursive card that is included in this pack. **This is not designed to be a time constraint and should only take 15mins max!** All cards are phonetically plausible so please encourage your child to read what they are copying.

RAFFLE TICKETS

When they return the pack the following day the children will be rewarded with 1 raffle ticket for completion of the homework and 1 more raffle ticket if we deem the handwriting to be of an outstanding standard for that particular child. (This handwriting homework is personalised for your child and we understand all children are at different stages of their handwriting homework.) Children therefore have the opportunity to earn 4 raffle tickets a week (2 for Tuesday and 2 for Thursday) which will be put into a pot in the child's classroom. At the end of every half term 5 named raffle tickets will be pulled from the pot and those 5 children will win a special prize!

This has all been explained to the children and they are very excited to start earning their raffle tickets. Because of the excitement for handwriting and being fresh in everyone's mind, we are sending the first pack home today so you and your child can become familiar with this over the half term break. **Please return the first day back, Monday 27th February.**

We hope this letter has explained the homework as simply as possible. If you have any questions regarding the homework or handwriting in general please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you so much for your continued support and have a lovely, restful half term.

Miss Fensome and Miss Wright
Year 1 Class teachers

