



THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

Bishopswood Infant & Junior Schools
Barlows Road
Tadley
Hampshire
RG26 3NA

Infant 0118 9812836
Junior 0118 9812738

Executive Headteacher: Mr G Golding
Head of School: Mrs J Armes

12th January 2026

Year 1 Newsletter – Spring 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday and we would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy new year!

Learning Challenge

This term our Learning Challenge is based around past and current Monarchs and the question “**What does a Monarch do?**” You will be able to see the range of work we are covering on our attached curriculum letter. If you have any questions about the topic, please see one of us at the door.

“Kings and Queens Day”

We are excited to be including in this half term a ‘**Kings and Queens Day**’ on **Thursday 12th February** where the children can experience a range of royal activities. Children can come dressed up as Kings, Queens, Princes, Princesses or even a knight! We will also have our own special castle to play on that day too. A reminder will be going out nearer the time.

Homework Grid

Please find attached the homework grid for this half term. Any homework the children complete this term is optional and they will be given an opportunity to share it with the class during that week. Homework will be displayed on our Home Learning board and children given a sticker to celebrate their work.

Caring



Respecting



Thriving Together



Bishopswood Federation work together to develop kind and considerate children who are resilient, reflective and motivated learners, ready for the challenges that the future holds.

Reading and Spelling

Children who read frequently at home often make much better progress than those who are not heard as often, so if you do get the opportunity to hear your child read then it can make all the difference to both their confidence and ability. We would encourage you to try and hear them at least 3 times a week if possible and **please record this in their reading record**. Children's books will only be changed each week if they have read the book 3 times or more.

Spellings will continue to be taught and tested fortnightly in our phonics sessions. Any additional revision of these you can do at home will greatly improve your child's chances of spelling them correctly in the test and in future written work.

Reminders

- This year we be trying to include as much learning outside as possible. Each child will need a **pair of wellies** in school in order for them to be fully involved.
- Please ensure your children's jumpers and cardigans are clearly named so they do not get lost. Any that are left with no names will be taken to the lost property box in the foyer.
- Please ensure that any new items of clothing or footwear follow the uniform policy.
- Water bottles need to be in school and taken home each day to be cleaned and re-filled.

We hope that you and your children enjoy the term ahead of us. If you have any questions please come and speak to your class teacher.

Many thanks,

Year 1 Team

Caring



Respecting



Thriving Together



Bishopswood Federation work together to develop kind and considerate children who are resilient, reflective and motivated learners, ready for the challenges that the future holds.