It was lovely to see many of you at our information evening Tuesday. Our weekly bulletin provides you with up-to-date news relating to Year 1 and 2.

**Homework**

As discussed at the Parent Information Session this week, homework this year does not comprise a spelling word component. Our focus is reading, with/to/for 30 minutes a night. Students are not only encouraged to read their take-home books but can explore other text types such as newspapers, magazines, recipes, instructions etc.

A consistent and coherent approach to spelling helps students to build on existing knowledge, as they develop increasingly sophisticated spelling strategies and communication skills.

At this early stage in the year we are helping students to think about patterns in language and to make them aware of the spelling strategies they use. Spelling is a complex cognitive process, not a simple act of memorisation.

As a result, spelling is explicitly taught in the classroom in conjunction with the writing program. This maximises opportunities for children to spell words in correct context as well as allowing them to see where errors are being made and discover strategies they can use to correct these errors.

Take home books will begin shortly. We are awaiting the delivery of some blue bags. Once these arrive, children will begin taking home books along with a reading log folder.

**Request for Donations**

We would be most grateful for donations of any of the items below:

- fabric – plain, patterned, short or long lengths
- aprons
- kitchen utensils
- wool
- toy cars

Kind Regards,

Year 1/2 Team