# Reading & writing

We are always focussed on ensuring all our children make progress with their reading & writing and we don’t underestimate the impact you can have at home too. Some key areas we appreciate your support with:

* Reading regularly: In Reception, starting to practise reading simple words at home is key. In KS1 we expect all children to read to an adult at least 5 times a week and record this in their reading record.
* Handwriting: you will have received a letter this week re-emphasising the importance of letter formation and care in our writing. Any practise at home will further embed the focus we are placing on this in school
* Spelling: the children are told to use their phonics to support spelling but revisiting spellings at home and noticing spellings in the world around them is really key

In addition, to support home learning, we have started to create our own Phonics teaching videos (with the help of our wonderful Year 2 children). Below is the link (on the ‘Curriculum’ section of the website) to the Set 1 RWI sounds correctly pronounced. Please do take a look and maybe ask your child what they think!

<https://www.gaglebrook.org.uk/learning-and-education/curriculum/gagle-brook-phonics-videos>

# One Planet Principle and Value

# Culture & Community and Responsibility

The latest on our Run Across the World - we are now at having travelled 1,832miles and are almost half way. Just another 1,848 miles to go – so keep tracking!

We submitted the wonderful variety of names to Launton Grange for their corridors and they are putting them to their residents for a vote. Watch this space for the results!

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# Diary Dates

**Dec:**

# 10th Year 2 Parent Zoom call - assessment

# 14th Christmas Jumper and Lunch Day

# 15th One Planet parent celebration (online)

# 16th Christmas Zoom disco (4.00pm)

# 18th End of Term

# Dear Parents

Many thanks to all those parents who supported the online teacher meetings. In these unusual times, we all have to be adaptable and we were pleased to continue the dialogue around your child’s learning.

Another change that we are making sure we are all prepared for is the potential need for home learning. Whilst we hope to keep all children in school, our duty is to have systems in place to be able to continue with your child’s education should children or staff be required to self-isolate. Thank you to those who have completed the online permission form sent out this week. If you have not done so, please do complete it. We will be following up with further details and Microsoft TEAMS logins for all children which (along with Purple Mash) would be used for home learning.

We were really pleased with the fundraising effort (and great spots and stripes!) for Children in Need; a huge £139.20 was raised – a fantastic sum for a great cause. Thank you also for supporting odd socks day, which has linked with our PHSE lessons in school around positive relationships and anti-bullying.

Finally a request – could any large unwanted shirts be donated to school to be used as art smocks please…

Mr Price