



Thursday 7th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to Year 1!

It has been wonderful meeting all of the children this week and we look forward to a fantastic year ahead. We would like to reassure you that the children's wellbeing is at the forefront of our minds as they make the transition to Year 1. Our aim over the coming weeks is to really get to know the children and to help them to feel comfortable, happy and relaxed in their new classrooms.

### **Coffee Morning**

We would like to invite you to our Coffee Morning on Friday 15th September at 9:10. This will take place in the school staff room. Please meet us in the foyer and we will accompany you to the staff room. We will go through the information in this letter in more detail and answer any questions you may have. If you are unable to attend and have any questions in the coming weeks, please do send us an email via the school office or chat to us when you drop off or collect your child.

### **Reading**

Individual reading books will be sent home twice a week on a Tuesday and Friday, starting on 12<sup>th</sup> September. We would ask that you return a book before a new one is sent home. If you would like to keep a book for a little longer, that's no problem at all, just let us know. Please do try to listen to your child reading aloud each day.

### **Phonics**

The children will be assessed over the next few days so that we are able to group them appropriately. Please be aware that children in the Red, Green, Purple and Pink Groups will receive a new phonics book every three days, whilst children in the Orange, Yellow, Blue and Grey Groups will receive a new phonics book every five days. These books will be sent in addition to the individual readers mentioned above.

### **Writing**

This term we will focus on:

- forming our letters correctly when writing
- spelling words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with letters
- writing captions and simple sentences
- stories with repeating patterns and Journey Tales

## **Maths**

This term we will focus on:

- numbers (counting, comparing and ordering)
- place value
- addition and subtraction
- 2D and 3D Shape

## **Computing**

This term we will be learning about:

- Logging on and off of the computers and Chrome Books
- E- Safety and exploring Purple Mash

## **Religious Education**

This term we will be focusing on:

- Christianity
- Harvest (Why we are thankful)

## **Topic**

We will be learning about:

- Seasonal Change (**Science**)
- Our School/Local Area (**Geography**)
- Building models of our school/drawing pets (**Art/DT**)
- Finding pulse and musical activities to embed pulse, rhythm and pitch (**Music**)

## **PE**

Year 1 will have PE on Wednesday and Friday. A reminder that the children should come to school in their PE kits on these days. Children will do PE in the trainers that they come to school in (there is no need to bring separate plimsolls).

## **Homework**

The children will be encouraged to read aloud to an adult each evening. As the year progresses, we will introduce spelling homework as well as some Mathematics tasks.

## **End of day arrangements**

If there are any changes to the person who is collecting your child, please ensure that you let us know. This can be done by emailing the school office or letting us know at drop off time.

## **Behaviour Management**

We have adopted a new Behaviour Policy. Children will be encouraged to follow our school rules by being **READY**, **RESPECTFUL** and **SAFE**. A recognition board will be displayed in each classroom to celebrate our collective achievements. Additionally, children will receive Dojo points for demonstrating our school values.

## **Dojo**

You will have received an invite to sign up to Class Dojo. We will use Class Dojo to share information, reminders and photos of the children's learning. If you have difficulty linking to your child's account, please do let us know.

Kind regards,

Year 1 Team



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