



5 September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

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 Afternoon on Wednesday 17th September at 2:30pm. 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.

Curriculum

Please find attached our Year 1, Autumn 1 Topic Web with details of what will be covered in each subject this half term. We have also attached Knowledge Organisers for our topics on 'Seasonal Changes' and 'Our Local Area'.

Reading

In addition to their phonics books, children will bring home two other books each week. Each Tuesday, children will have the opportunity to take a book home from our classroom library. These books will not be aligned to their phonics groups and are books for you to enjoy together or read to your child. On Fridays, children will be given a Book Bag book to read at home. These books are aligned with their phonics groups, so if they are in the green group for phonics, they will receive a green Book Bag book. Please return these books the following Friday so that we can send a new book home. Please do try to listen to your child reading aloud each day and make a record of this in their yellow reading record book. If you would like to keep a particular book for a little longer than a week, that's no problem at all, just let us know.

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Phonics

The children will be organised into their new phonics groups on Monday. Phonics sessions will take place each morning from 9:00am - 9:45am.

PE

Year 1 will have indoor PE on Wednesdays and outdoor PE on Fridays. For this half term, our outdoor PE lessons will be run by Rugby Tots. A reminder that the children should come to school in their PE kits on these days.

Homework

The children will be encouraged to read aloud to an adult each evening. As the year progresses, we will introduce spelling homework aligned with the children's phonics groups.

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

Children will be encouraged to follow our school rules by being **READY, RESPECTFUL** and **SAFE**. Additionally, children will receive Dojo points for demonstrating our school values.

Kind regards,

Year 1 Team

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