



15 September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to Year 1!

It has been wonderful meeting all of the children 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.

We understand that the children's Reception year was hugely disrupted and have therefore made the decision to continue teaching and learning in the style that they were familiar with in Reception (Continuous Provision). This means that children will have the opportunity to move freely between the indoor and outdoor provisions, accessing the learning tasks and exploring their interests. We will continuously assess the children's learning in order to ensure that their individual needs are met.

The children have formed a year group bubble. This means that they will be able to interact with children from the other Year 1 class, and they will be able to enjoy lunch and play times together. Throughout the day, we will be encouraging the children to wash and sanitise their hands and will be reinforcing the 'Catch it, Kill it, Bin it' slogan when children cough and sneeze.

Reading

Reading books will be sent home twice a week on a Tuesday and Friday, starting on 18th 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 lessons will take place within our Year 1 bubble. The children will be split into four groups, depending on where they are in our phonics scheme.

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 simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others

Maths

This term we will focus on:

- numbers (counting, comparing and ordering)
- place value
- addition and subtraction.

Computing

This term we will be learning about:

- E- Safety
- Programming - using programmable toys

Religious Education

This term we will be focusing on:

- Christianity
- Harvest (Why we are thankful)

Topic

We will be learning about:

- Animals (including humans) – Ourselves (**Science**)
- Our School/Local Area (**Geography**)
- Famous People – Artists (Vincent van Gogh and LS Lowry) (**History and Art**)

PE

Year 1 will have PE on Mondays and Thursdays. 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

Homework will be sent out after half term. The children will receive a menu of activities and are free to choose an activity or task to complete each week. We will confirm the day/s homework books will be handed out and collected closer to the time. In addition to this, we would ask that you listen to your child read aloud each day.

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 will continue to use the 'Sunshine, Rainbow, Rain Cloud' system that the children are familiar with from Reception. Children will also be awarded Dojo points for making good choices, trying their best, or treating others with kindness and respect.

Seesaw

You should have now received a QR code to sign up to Seesaw. We will use Seesaw 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