



8 September 2021

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.

Coffee Afternoon

We would like to invite you to our Virtual Coffee Afternoon on Wednesday 22nd September at 2pm. We will go through the information in this letter in more detail and answer any questions you may have. We will share the Google Meet link with you closer to the time. 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 10th 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

We will begin our Phonics lessons on Monday 20th September. 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 simple phrases, sentences and stories

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**)
- Carnival of the Animals(**Art & Music**)

PE

Year 1 will have PE on Tuesdays 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

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 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 will shortly receive 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