



# Year One Newsletter Autumn

2018

**Dear Parents/Carers,** Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely summer. We are looking forward to an exciting autumn term in Year 1. Our weekly newsletter sent each Monday will give information about what is happening in class. Dates for diaries will be sent home shortly.

You will notice that in the future many letters will go out to parents of children in Phase 1. After much discussion we have reorganised our classes to better support the children in their journey through school. EY and Y1 are together in Phase 1 in order to smooth the transition from the Early Years curriculum to the Key Stage 1 curriculum. Phase 2 bridges the transition from KS1 to KS2 for Y2 and 3. Phase 3 sees Y4, 5 and 6 working together.

## **Parent meetings**

Starting in the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> September, the Year One staff will be focussing on 3 children each week. In the following week, parents will then be invited in to school to meet the teacher and discuss their child's progress. Every child will have a focus week and parents meeting once in the autumn term and once in the spring term. These parent meetings replace the school parent-teacher appointments arranged for children in Years 2-6.

## **Topic**

Our topic this term is Our School area - Now and Then. We will be learning about directions, maps and people who help us in school. We will compare school today and 100 years ago.

## **Science**

The children will be learning about plants. During the term, they will also be learning about seasonal change through lots of outdoor activities.

## **Religious Education**

Year One's key question this term is: 'Who is a Christian and what do they believe?'

## **Library**

We will visit the library on a **Monday**. All children should bring their library books ready to change **each week**.

## **Homework**

Homework menus will be sent home by Parentpay each half term. A copy will also be placed in your child's 'Learning at Home' folder. The folder will be sent home with spellings on Sept 17<sup>th</sup>. Please sign and date activities when they are completed. There are always more activities than weeks so not all activities need to be completed. We look forward to sharing what the

## Spelling homework

Please encourage your child to work on their spellings during the week and not complete them all in one go. Spellings will begin week beginning **17<sup>th</sup> September**. We ask for folders to be returned each Friday. They will be sent home again on Monday. There will be more information in their 'Learning at Home' folder. It is important that children over-learn their spellings so they can use them in their everyday writing.



## Reading Books

Our aim is to foster a love of books and reading for enjoyment and information. Please hear your child read a minimum of three times a week. Don't forget to check your child understands the text by asking questions. It is also important to reread texts to increase fluency and pace.

It is important that you note in your child's planner each time they read with you at home and write the **book title** and '**Please change**' if you think they are ready for a new book. This really helps us to speed up the process of book changing. We will change books on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**.

## Maths

The children will be following the National Curriculum for maths. We believe that every child can succeed in maths, and one of the most important building blocks for success is a positive mindset. It's therefore essential to help your child feel positive about maths at home, too.

We will use real objects, pictures and abstract methods to develop the children's skills and then ask them to reason and problem solve to apply their understanding. In Year One the children will begin to record their work.

## Physical Education

Year 1 will have PE on **Tuesday and Friday**. However, it is important that your child has full PE kit in school at all times as occasionally it is necessary to change the timetable at short notice. Some PE sessions will take place outside so please ensure your child has clothes suitable for the cooler weather.

Please check your child has the following items in a **named** PE bag for indoor and outdoor activities:

- white t-shirt
- dark shorts **and** jogging bottoms
- dark sweatshirt
- socks
- spare pants
- trainers
- spare hair bobbles

Stud earrings should be removed or taped up. Please provide micropore tape for this.

We cannot stress enough how important it is for your child to have **all** their clothes

independent.



### **Forest Schools**

Year 1 forest school sessions are on **Thursday** morning. The children will need clothes appropriate for the weather:

- wellington boots/snow boots
- waterproof trousers
- warm, waterproof coat with hood
- warm socks
- hat/sunhat/gloves/scarf

Children may come to school ready for the forest.

Wellies may be kept in the plastic storage box outside the classroom.

**All clothes and boots must be named.**

**Please ensure your child has a carrier bag to bring home muddy outdoor clothes at the end of the day.**

### **Things to remember:**

- School starts at **8:50am**. The children can free flow in from 8:40am. Mrs Graham or Mrs King will be at the Key Stage 1 door to answer questions or to take messages.
- The KS1 entrance will be closed at **9am** to ensure pupil safety. If you arrive after this time please take your child to the main (front) entrance.
- Your child will need a school bag to carry their water bottle and fruit. They should also have a book bag/plastic wallet to keep their reading book and planner in good condition.
- All water bottles must be marked with your child's name (nail varnish or Tippex work well).
- Children can bring a fruit/veg snack for morning break if they wish. (No snack will be provided in the morning.)
- Children will get an afternoon snack of fruit or vegetable provided.
- School finishes at **3:15pm**.
- If your child is going home with someone who is not on your list of adults collecting **please** write it in their planner and ensure an adult knows.
- Please let us know if you wish to add adults to the list of who can collect our child
- Nail polish and tattoos are not allowed. Long hair must be tied back for safety reasons. Jewellery should not be worn in school.

Please do come and speak to us if you have any questions. Thank you.

Mrs Jones Mrs Pye Mrs Graham

