



Year One Newsletter Summer Term

Welcome back! Thank you for all your help and support last term. We are looking forward to lots of new and exciting opportunities for learning.

We have finished the weekly observations and parent-teacher meetings for this year, but if you would like to speak to a teacher, please ask and we can arrange a convenient time. If you have any quick questions, you can ask one of us before or after school. You will receive a report towards the end of term with a summary of your child's progress in Year 1.

Class/whole school communication will be available through ParentPay. Please read the weekly letters that come out each Monday, as they will help your child be prepared for the week ahead.

This term we will continue to develop learning through play. The children will be given challenges and supported to complete them in different ways but always making them the best they can possibly be.

On Wednesday mornings we will be having a learning session with Kat who teaches computing through the school.

Forest will continue to be on a Thursday.

Our topic for this term is 'Explorers'

Our focus questions are:

What do explorers do?

What do explorers take with them?

How do they know where to go and how to get back?

Who were famous explorers?

We will go on a visit to the Yorkshire Arboretum to try pond dipping.

Science

Science this term will focus on working scientifically, encouraging skills such as asking questions, performing simple tests and gathering and recording data.

Religious Education

The children will explore The question 'What makes some places sacred?' We will visit Heslington Church to look at the different features of a church building.

Physical Education

Year 1 will have PE on **Tuesday** and **Friday**.

This half term we have 3 sessions of cricket on a Wednesday.

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. We will have 3 extra cricket sessions on Wednesdays during this half term. Please check your child has the following items in a named PE bag for indoor and outdoor activities:

- a named white t-shirt
- named dark shorts **and** jogging bottoms
- a named dark sweatshirt
- named socks
- named trainers
- spare hair bobbles
- Stud earrings should be removed or taped up. Please provide micropore tape for this.

Reading

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 forms a record of the books your child has read and really helps us to speed up the process of book changing. We will change books on **Monday, Wednesday** and **Friday**.

Library

We will visit the library on **Monday**. Please can library books be returned to school **every week**.

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 are beginning to record their work.

Homework

The homework menu will be sent home by Parentpay. A copy will also be placed in your child's 'Learning at Home' folder. There are always more activities than weeks so not all activities need to be completed. We look forward to hearing about what the children have been doing at home with you and you can use Tapestry for this.

Spelling homework

Please encourage your child to work on their spellings during the week and not complete them all in one go. We ask for folders to be returned each Friday. They will be sent home again on Monday. It is important that children over-learn their spellings so they can use them in their everyday writing.

Forest Schools

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

- wellington boots
- waterproof trousers or old trousers/leggings
- waterproof coat
- gloves (if it is really cold)
- an extra layer such as a fleece for colder days

If the weather is very warm, waterproofs are too hot so old trousers and a long sleeved top (to prevent scratches) are better.

All clothes and boots must be named. Please send spare socks in case your child gets wet feet. Please ensure your child has a carrier bag to bring home muddy outdoor clothes at the end of the day.

Clothing

All children must have a waterproof coat, with a hood, for playtimes as the children do go outside in the rain.

We cannot stress enough how important it is for your child to have **all** their clothes and shoes clearly **named**. This makes them so much more confident and independent.

Please remember:

- At the start of the day the children can free flow in from 8:40am. Please remember that school starts at 8:50am. Mrs Graham will be at the Key Stage 1 entrance 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 to eat during the morning.
- Children will get an afternoon snack provided.
- If your child is going home with someone who is not on your list of adults collecting please write it in their planner.
- Nail polish and tattoos are not allowed. Long hair must be tied back at all times for safety reasons. Jewellery should not be worn in school.

Dates for Diaries:

A dates for diaries letter for the term will be sent when all school events are confirmed.

The Year One Team

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