



Year One Newsletter Autumn 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely summer.

We are delighted to welcome three new pupils and their families to Year 1.

Mrs Pye will be the teacher on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Mrs Jones will be the teacher on Thursdays and Fridays.

Wednesdays will alternate between Mrs Pye and Mrs Jones.

Parent meeting

At 2:30pm on Monday 9th September, there will be a welcome meeting in the classroom to share information about the Year 1 routines.

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.



Tapestry will continue to be used for school and home to record your child/children's learning.

Dates for diaries will be sent home shortly.

Parent meetings

Starting in the week beginning 23rd 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 Phases 2 and 3.

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 our 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 in. 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).
- On a morning children will be provided with a snack of fruit or vegetable.
- For afternoon snack the children can bring a fruit/veg snack if they wish. Please sign up to Cool milk and pay online if you wish your child to have a carton of milk each day. (coolmilk.com)
- 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.

Topic

Our topic this term is Toys. Our learning will focus on these questions:

What is your favourite toy?

How do toys move?

What are toys made of?

What were toys like in the past?

Science

The children will be learning about materials. 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 return their library books ready to change **each week**.

Homework

Homework menus will be sent home by ParentPay each half term. We would very much like it if you could share what your child/children have been doing at home, on Tapestry.

Spelling homework

In a few weeks your child will bring home a 'Learning at Home' folder. In this we will send a short list of spellings for your child to learn at home with suggestions to help.

Please encourage your child to work on their spellings during the week and not complete them all in one go. 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 most days (a minimum of three times a week).

Don't forget to check that 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 tick in your child's planner each time they read with you at home and write the **book title** (This is a very useful record of books your child has read.) and tick '**Ready to 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 a regular basis.

Maths

The children will be following the National Curriculum for maths.

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 and shoes clearly **named**. This makes them so much more confident and independent when organising their belongings.

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.

Reminder:

Each day your child needs:

- reading book in a book bag
- planner
- water bottle
- snack
- waterproof coat with a hood

Monday: Library book

Tuesday: PE kit (This should be kept in school at all times)

Thursday: Forest school clothes

Friday: PE kit (This should be kept in school at all times)



Don't forget to follow us on

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

Mrs Jones, Mrs Pye and Mrs Graham

