

Year One Newsletter Summer 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school. We hope you all had an enjoyable Easter holiday and that everyone is returning to school refreshed and ready for the new term. We are really looking forward to the summer term and some special activities.

As the weather gets warmer, please think about what sun protection your child needs. Sun cream should be applied before school. Children will need a sun hat as the weather improves.

Learning through play

Children will continue to spend most of the day following their own interests in play. They will be able to explore areas such as water, construction, small world and workshop in the classroom, with bigger and more physical play encouraged outside. Through play, children learn vital skills such as sharing, negotiation, perseverance and resilience.



Reading Books

Our aim is to foster a love of books and reading, for enjoyment and information, and we will continue to share stories at school. Reading stories to your child is a great way to increase their vocabulary and understanding. Reading is a key skill and Year 1 is a vital time for all children to make as much progress as possible. Children will continue to bring home a book they have read at school. Try to hear them read it and celebrate their success. They should be able to read most of the text fluently, but if they get stuck on a word remind them to sound talk and blend. Don't forget to check your child understands the text by asking questions. You could ask them to explain what a word means or talk about their own experience of a similar situation. It is also important to re-read texts to increase fluency and pace. Just tick the box in the planner when they have read. Reading books will be changed on Thursday or Friday and children can get a new library book whenever they like from the box in the classroom. We will continue to visit the library every Monday when children will be able to choose from a wider selection of books.

Maths

In maths we will be learning about numbers to 100, early multiplication and division skills, quarters and halves, position and direction. We will continue to use lots of practical activities, real objects and games to help children embed mathematical concepts. Talking about maths and explaining what you know, why and how, is a vital part of maths learning and something that it is very easy to help with at home.

Science

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

Topic

Our topic this term is **Journeys** which we will be exploring through stories and games.

Religious Education

Year One's RE theme this term is: 'Belonging to a faith community'. We will explore this question through stories and thinking about special places.

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. The PE kit can also be useful as a change of clothes in case your child gets wet while playing. PE will usually be outside unless the weather prevents this, so please make sure your child has suitable clothing.

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 and means you get them back if they are misplaced.

Forest School

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

- wellington boots or old trainers
- waterproof trousers
- waterproof coat with hood
- extra layers if the weather turns chilly.

If the weather is very hot, old clothes are usually more comfortable than waterproofs. It will need to be something that the children can get muddy in. Long sleeves and long trousers are needed to prevent scratches and insect bites.

Forest kit will be kept in the children's lockers, but if you prefer to take it home each week do remember to bring it back the following Wednesday. Remember to name everything so that mislaid items can be returned to the right person.



Things to remember:

- School starts at **8:40am**. The classroom door will close at **8.50am prompt**. A member of staff will be at the door to welcome children.
- Your child should have a book bag/plastic wallet to keep their reading book and planner in good condition.
- Children will get a morning and afternoon snack of fruit or vegetable provided. Water is freely available in the classroom at all times.
- 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.

Quick messages can be passed on when you drop off or pick up your child, but if you would like to discuss anything in more detail, just ask one of us and we can make an appointment to see you. If you have any questions or concerns, you can email any time. We are really looking forward to another term with the class and to watching all their continuing progress.

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Dates for Diaries

Monday 2nd May School closed for Early May Bank Holiday

Thursday 26th May Diamond Jubilee celebrations in school (more details to follow)
School closes for May Half Term holiday

Friday 27th May School closed for Training Day

Monday 6th June School re-opens
Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Thursday 9th June Drama workshop (details to follow)

Friday 10th June Whole school sports fun morning

27th June to 1st July Outdoor Week (more details to follow)

Thursday 14th July Big Talk Education in school (parents meeting at 8.55 am)

Wednesday 20th July
and Thursday 21st July Transition to Year 2

Friday 22nd July School closes for Summer holiday