

# Year 1 Autumn Term Information

Welcome back to the new school year; we hope you all had a great summer break. We are looking forward to working with you to ensure each child achieves their true potential; enjoys learning; and develops good skills to support them as they move through the school.



## The Year 1 Team

The Year 1 teachers are Mrs. Howell, Mrs. Shevlin, Mrs Pettitt and Mrs. Atkinson. Also working in the team are Mrs. Daniel, Mrs. Redding, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Tucker and Mrs. Stevens. They will be supporting children's learning within the class and working with small groups.

## The School Day

The whistle goes each morning at 8.45am and your child's class teacher will collect them from the playground for the start of the school day. If your child arrives after this time, they should enter the school by the main entrance and make the office staff aware. At 3.00 pm, the children will be released to parents or to friends or family you have told us will be collecting them.

## Curriculum

We have a busy term planned as you will see below

<b>ENGLISH</b> Captions and labels; stories with familiar settings; poetry on senses; non fiction recount on the church visit; non fiction based on Guy Fawkes; Fantasy worlds.	<b>MATHS</b> Counting, comparing and ordering numbers; addition and number facts to 10; identifying coins and making amounts of money; comparing length, capacity and weight by measuring.	<b>SCIENCE</b> Ourselves and other animals; light and dark	<b>ICT</b> Computer Skills also taught which are then incorporated across curriculum.	<b>PE/GAMES</b> Gym – flight, patches and points; Dance 1, Games – large ball skills	<b>PSHE</b> New beginnings, Managing risk and change
<b>ART</b> Self portraits	<b>DT</b> Moving Pictures; making faces; christmas	<b>HISTORY</b> Toys	<b>GEOGRAPHY</b> Around our school	<b>MUSIC</b> Sounds interesting, exploring sounds,	<b>RE</b> Visit to a local church; babies and christenings; religious festivals – Eid, Diwali, Christmas



## Reading

Your child will be reading in class every day and also as part of a guided group with their teacher and teaching assistant at least once a week. They are also encouraged to change their harvest library books frequently during the week.

## Home Learning

We will be sending home weekly spelling sheets towards half term. These will be based on the phoneme the children are learning for the week in their spelling groups. Until the children bring this home we will be teaching the children in spelling group sessions how to fill in the sheets and how to learn to spell the words on the sheet.

## Message books

This message book is a helpful means of communication between school and home. This will be going home each day. Please encourage your child to keep the diary in their bag and please check it each day. Your child's teacher may have commented on something during the day i.e. any friendship, learning or behaviour issues. Please check, initial and add any comments of your own. Your child's teacher will initial to show your comments have been read.



## Uniform and P.E. Kits

Please could we make a plea – **please** could you put your child's name on all items of clothing? PE lessons will be on Mondays and Tuesdays in both Year 1 classes. Children will need kit, namely shorts and t-shirt plus trainers or plimsolls and jogging bottoms for the colder weather for outside games. Outdoor footwear will be necessary for Games.

## Water Bottles

Please could your child bring in a named water bottle each day with fresh water in as we encourage the children to drink water throughout the day.

## Encouraging and rewarding positive behaviour

We encourage politeness, good manners, caring and helping each other through use of the green reward vouchers and positive behaviour through use of the 5 steps on the display board. All of the children in the class are trying to climb them! The five steps are:

**GOLD** - Every child will get a certificate and a house point.

**GREEN** - Every child will get a house point.

**YELLOW** - Every child starts the day on yellow. They will be encouraged to try hard to move up the stairs if on the yellow step.

**BLUE** - The blue step is a warning step. Children on this step have to try very hard to move up and avoid moving to the red.

**RED** - The children on the red step will lose their afternoon play time. Any child on the red step can always try to move back onto the other steps until afternoon play time.

As well as asking your child which step he or she is on, you are welcome to ask us or look in at the steps display which are near the doors in both Year 1 classrooms.

*We have tried to anticipate any questions you may have. Should you have any other issues you wish to discuss please contact your child's class teacher. We look forward to working in partnership with you and your child and look forward to meeting with you at the parent consultations in October.*