



Dear Parents/Carers

## Welcome to Year One!

I am delighted to welcome children back and I am looking forward to teaching your child this year. After these uncertain times, I am aware that children might be feeling more anxious about their return to school. Please be reassured that it is my top priority to ensure that all children in class feel safe, happy and secure in their new learning environment.

I was so proud of the children coming into school this week. They have adapted to the changes in school beautifully and have settled into Year One confidently.

I would like to provide some information regarding this academic year and specific points to note as we progress through the Autumn Term.

### Mathematics:

In Maths this term we will be focusing on place value and addition and subtraction within 10 and 20. To help your child at home, you can practice counting to 20 and writing the numbers both in numerals and words.

In addition to this you can practice basic maths skills at home e.g. telling the time using clocks and watches (you can watch the television until half past four) and practicing the value of money e.g. how much change will I get if I buy a chocolate bar with my pocket money.

### English:

In English this term we will be focusing on writing sentences with full stops, capital letters and finger spaces. We will also be looking at writing recounts, poetry and descriptions.

To help your child at home, you can practice letter formations (see attached sheet) of both lower-case and capital letters. This will help with letter recognition in reading and will help reduce letter reversal e.g. writing b instead of d.

### Phonics:

This term in phonics we will be focusing on the following sound families:

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- E family (ee, ea, ey, e\_e, e, y)
- I family (igh, ie, i\_e, i, y)
- O family (oa, ow, oe, o\_e, o)
- A family (ai, ay, a\_e, a)
- OO family (oo, ey, ue, ue, u\_e, u\_e)
- u family (oo, oul, u)
- ow family (ow, ou)
- oi family (oi, oy)

You can help at home by regularly reading with your child. This will help them to develop essential confidence with reading. You can practice segmenting and blending at home (start off with just the sounds then say the whole word e.g. /m/ /a/ /p/ - map).

There are lots of games and websites you can access to help practice these skills at home e.g. [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) and also lots of videos on YouTube e.g. Alphablocks.

## Our Curriculum:

Our curriculum topics this term are as follows:

Autumn 1 – Geography – What is it like to live in the UK?

Autumn 2 – History – Who am I? My life and my school.

## PE:

PE in Year One will be held on a **Tuesday afternoon**. PE will commence from Monday 7th September. PE bags **will not** be allowed in school. On the days children have PE they will come to school in their PE kit and remain in their kit for that day. The guidance states that PE should be done outside when possible, therefore unless the weather is extremely poor, children will be having their PE lessons outside. We therefore recommend children wearing tracksuit bottoms and a long sleeve top as opposed to shorts and a t-shirt.

We are very lucky to have support from the Sports Partnership join us for PE for the whole of the Autumn Term. Our PE topics are as follows:

Autumn 1 – Dance

Autumn 2 – Multi-skills

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## **Religious Education:**

In RE this half term we will be exploring Christianity and addressing our key question 'What do Christians believe about God?'

## **Homework:**

A letter about homework and reading will be circulated to parents on Friday 11th September.

I always endeavour to ensure that children have an academic year that is productive, fun and full of memorable experiences and in which they make progress. I hope we can work collaboratively to ensure the best education for your child. Should your child, or yourself require any support this academic year, please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office.

Many thanks for your time and support

Miss Defty 😊

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