



Dear Families,

We hope that you have all had a wonderful summer break. The children have all returned full of excitement for their new class, and we would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to Year 1, and thank you so much for your help and support with our new routines at school. The children have settled into class brilliantly. I will be teaching every day, although Monday afternoons I have Key Stage 1 leadership time and Wednesday afternoons are my PPA non-contact time. Mrs Pratt, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Bryant and Miss Burgering also support in the classroom at various points during the week.

Start of the Day arrangements



May we thank you for the great independent start the children are able to make every morning.

The children are becoming accustomed to the morning routines we have. We are encouraging them to:

- Take their coat off and hang it on their peg.
- Take out their reading book and put it into a special box so that it can be quarantined before being returned to our reading book boxes.
- Put their water bottle at their space on the table
- Keep their lunch box (if they brought one) in our cloakroom area
- Inform Mrs Pratt what they would like for lunch, so that we can complete and close the registers as quickly as possible.

The children then settle to an early morning task that builds on both their fine motor skills and number recognition, so they are engaged and learning from the moment they come into the classroom! What busy and eager little learners we have!

Notices

P.E. lessons will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and will be focussing on fundamental movement skills, and dance. As you are aware, your child will need to come into school wearing their PE kit. If they are not wearing their PE kit, unfortunately they will not be able to participate in the PE lesson that day.

Free snack for EYFS and Key Stage 1 has now started to arrive! We can now provide a snack for them, which they eat during morning playtime. If your child still prefers to bring in a snack from home, they are most welcome to. Please ensure that the snacks are fruit and/or vegetable based, and do not contain any nuts or seeds. Water bottles are also available to the children all the time.

Homework

Where we can, we will change reading books daily. Please read with your child every day. We would greatly appreciate it if you could either comment or sign your child's reading record book every time as we use this as our cue that the book needs changing. Along with this, your child may also have word and sound walls, which will be assessed once weekly on a rotational basis throughout the week. When your child receives new sounds (phonemes) to learn, please refer to the support sheets that will also have been put into that folder.

Weekly spellings and short maths homework tasks will be sent home over the course of this half term.

Learning

During the Autumn Term, our topics are going to be 'Memory Box', 'After Dark', and 'Christmas'. Although we have specified there are to be no toys brought into the school, an exception for this is for our Memory Box topic. Do you have an old toy at home that is beyond your child's living memory e.g. a toy that you as parents may have had as a child? We are going to work towards producing a class Toy Museum through our English, Art and History learning, and will quarantine the toys in school as per Covid guidelines before we use them. Please avoid sending in anything very precious or sentimental. Toys are welcome to be brought in from Monday 14th September.

In school we subscribe to an online learning program called Purple Mash. From time to time we will set little tasks that can be completed at home. Please look out for a sheet detailing your child's log in information (that will be put in their reading wallet) for you to access Purple Mash at home.

It has been truly lovely to welcome you all into Year 1. Please do not hesitate to come and talk to us. We are very much looking forward to a successful year working together!

Best wishes,

Mrs Suzie Espie