

# Year 1

# Autumn Term 1

First of all we would like to welcome you and your child to Year 1. We are very much looking forward to our theme this term, "Wildwood". Just to remind you the teachers are Miss Broughton (Skylark), Mrs Collins and Mrs Acott (Hummingbird) and the Learning Support Assistants for these classes are Mrs Francis and Mrs Purton.

Just to remind you about the **dinner menus**, Children in KS1 are entitled to a free school dinner and select school dinners on the day if a school dinner is required. We currently offer hot school meals, with a vegetarian option, and jacket potatoes, pasta and sandwiches (or similar). If your child has a packed lunch, please can we remind you that children are not allowed any sweets, chocolate bars or ANY products containing nuts.

Throughout the year, we learn a number of different **phonemes** (groups of letters which make a sound), in a variety of ways, through daily phonics sessions. We will keep you informed of the phonemes and HRS words (hard to read or spell words), your child is learning throughout the weeks, via their homework.

Each Wednesday we shall send out your child's phonics homework to be returned the following Tuesday. Please encourage your child to read these phonemes and words and identify them in their reading books at home.

In previous years, children have been tested in a government scheme in the middle of June. As it currently stands, this assessment should be going ahead this academic year.



## Homework

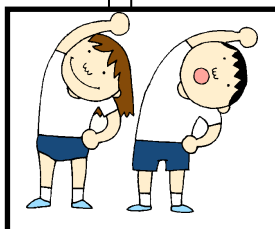
In addition to daily reading and phonics homework, we will start sending home 1 piece of either maths or English homework every week. The homework will link to what we have been learning in class



## Friday Afternoons

The year 1 Friday afternoon sessions will be run by Mrs Francis. During term 1, children will be given the opportunity to take part in many fun activities. They will be engaged in a variety of indoor or outdoor activities on the school grounds. They will not require any special clothing for these sessions but please be aware that they may be crafting and making using natural materials outdoors.

**PE** will consist of both indoor and outdoor sessions this term. PE will be on a **Monday morning and Thursday afternoon**. Your child will need a white PE t-shirt, trainers, black, or navy jogging bottoms/shorts and a black/navy jumper. Your child will come to school dressed in their PE kit on their PE days. No jewellery is permitted and we cannot remove any earrings so please ensure you do this on these days. All children with long hair must have it tied back for PE. Please make sure children have water bottles in school everyday, but especially on PE days. Also, if your child cannot tie their own laces, can we please ask you provide them with Velcro trainers



Please provide your child with a named **water bottle** (with a sports lid) for them to use in the classroom. Please ensure that your child's bottle if filled with water and not juice. If your child forgets their bottle, we can provide a cup of water, available in the classrooms for break times.

In Year 1 we encourage the children to **read** their school books or other books **every day**. They may read the whole book or as many pages as they can comfortably manage. Please sign/ initial the **yellow reading record** to show your child has read and indicate the page number they have got to, or write 'end' if they have finished the whole book. Please send the book in every day, whether your child has read or not. Books will be changed once a week. In addition to this, they will visit the school library every Thursday morning to choose a book to bring home. They should return the book to school for the following Thursday.

Here are some questions to ask your child when they read, to help develop their understanding of books and their comprehension.

- Where is the front cover, title and blurb?
- What happens first in the story?
- Where in the book would you find.....?
- What was your favourite part of the book and why?

Please use the **red contact book** to write any messages in, as it sometimes gets very busy in the morning at the door. If you need to meet for longer, please make an appointment via the office. If your child is going home with **someone different**, please write a note in the contact book. If your child is sick, please send a note in

If you have any questions or concerns, we are always happy to speak to you on the phone. Please make a telephone appointment through the office.

Thanks

Mrs Collins, Mrs Acott, Miss Broughton, Mrs Francis and Mrs Purton