

Year 1

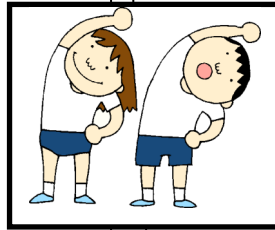
Autumn Term 1

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, "United Kingdom". Just to remind you the teachers are Mrs Watson and Mrs Acott (Skylark), Mrs Collins and Mrs Acott (Hummingbird) and the Learning Support Assistants for these classes are Mrs Foreman, Mrs Winter and Mrs Jefford.

Lunchtime: 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.

PE will consist of both indoor and outdoor sessions this term. PE will be on a **Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning**. Your child will need a white PE t-shirt or t-shirt in their house colour, black or white trainers, black jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts and a black 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

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



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 is 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.

Each term you will be invited into school for phonics workshops where you can learn more about supporting your child at home with their phonics. Term 1 dates will be released soon.

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, on Thursdays. In addition to this, they will visit the school library every Thursday 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.

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

- 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?

New Curriculum

Our wider school curriculum has been updated. This means that the learning that the children are exposed to has become more streamlined and tells a story for them from the day they arrive in our reception classes to the day that they leave Year 6. We will expose all of our children to learning from around the world which is SO exciting for us all. This means that we are able to prepare our children for the world that they are growing up in in the very best way possible.

Please use dojo to communicate with your child's teacher. If you need to meet for longer, please make an appointment via the office.



We are looking forward to a great year!

Year 1 team

