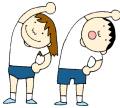



Dear Parents and Carers, A very warm welcome to Year One!

<p>PE and Outdoor Learning:</p> <p>PE lessons will be on <u>Mondays</u> but the children will need their kit in school at all times. (No swimming kit is needed).</p> <p>PE Kits should include shorts, t-shirt and trainers or daps. Please could you also ensure that your child’s uniform and PE kits are labelled with their name to avoid any mix-ups.</p> <p>PE kit ordered from Mr Babbage should be with us very soon.</p> <p>We also hope to get out an about in the school grounds for outdoor learning. As the weather becomes more seasonal, please ensure that appropriate outdoor coats and wellies are available. Outdoor learning clothing can be left in school. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>	<p>Curriculum:</p> <p>Our theme this term is ‘Superheroes’ On the back of this letter is our topic web for the term. This outlines all our intended learning plus some fun ideas to try at home.</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div> <hr/> <p>Independence:</p> <p>In Reception the children were encouraged to be as independent as possible. This is a theme we continue to develop in Year One. This includes lining up on their own when the whistle goes, carrying their own bags and being able to put on/take off their coats independently.</p> <p>The children also get changed independently at PE times, so if this is something they struggle with perhaps you could encourage them to get changed independently in the morning or at bedtime as this all helps with their development. Thank you!</p>				
<p>Parent Support: In Year One, as in the rest of the school, parents are one of the most valuable resource we have. We appreciate all the work you do at home including things like bringing and collecting your child on time, reading at home, and generally turning them into the special individuals that they are. If you feel you have any spare time at all and would like to help out in school, here are ways you can support us either ad-hoc or on regular basis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reading with individual children ➤ Library helper – changing library books ➤ School trips 					
<p>Phonics:</p> <p>Phonics is a huge part of our Year One learning. Later in the school year we will hold an information session for you all about phonics and the screening test that the children complete in June.</p> <p>For now, we will be learning around four new sounds a week that we will send home on a Friday for you to read with your child. This will also influence the spelling words we send home.</p> <p>Handwriting</p> <p>The children will be having weekly lessons on the cursive style of handwriting. We have sent home a sheet so you can practice at home if you would like to.</p>	<p>Key Word Spellings:</p> <p>Every year group in the school has a list of ‘non-negotiable’ spellings. This term our words are:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>just like little one out</i> <i>put saw ask do friend</i></p> <p>Each Friday these words will be sent home on a spelling sheet alongside 4 or 5 words linked to our phonic learning (all in a homework book). The children should practice these words at home and then at the end of each half term we will be testing the children to see if they can spell them. Please start by reading them, then move on to spelling. The children could write them on paper, in the air with their finger, on your back with their finger or even in the bath water!</p>				
<p>Reading:</p> <p>The children will continue to have a yellow reading diary that they will keep in their book bags. Children will have the opportunity to change their reading books on a Monday and a Thursday. We will encourage the children to become independent with this but obviously we will keep a close eye on it and make sure children are regularly changing their books. Each child will be heard read at school at least once a week but it really helps your child’s reading development if you continue to read with your child at home too, we would suggest at least 3 times a week. – this will help us win the school reading challenge!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILDS HOMEWORK BOOK AND READING BOOKS ARE IN THEIR BOOK BAGS EVERY DAY.</p>					
<p>WOW: Inside your child’s reading record we shall place some WOW slips. These are for you to let us know of any WOW moments at home. It could be anything from learning to ride a bike to helping wash the dishes. In class we have a WOW wall (with envelopes) where we track these great moments and learning happens everywhere so we don’t want to miss a thing. The children also get a house point for any Wow voucher.</p> <p><u>This term the value is:</u> Perseverance (never give up!)</p>	<p>And finally...</p> <p><i>We are really looking forward to working with your children this year. We would like you to know that if there are ever any questions or problems (big or small) that you would like to talk to us about, please come and find us as our door is always open! We are always available for a quick chat at the end of the day or, if needed, make an appointment through the school office at your convenience.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thank you!</i></p>				
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YEAR ONE TEACHERS: Mrs Bullingham (Tuesday - Friday) Mrs Walker (Monday)
Year One Teaching Assistants: Mrs Jackson (Monday – Thursday) Mrs O’Connell (Friday Morning)