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Welcome to Year 1

Welcome back to school! This letter explains our expectations in Year 1 and includes key information about routines and procedures.

Start and Finish Times

School starts at 8.55am with morning registration. The playground gates and classroom doors will be open from 8:40am. The school day will end at 3:15pm. Year 1 children will enter/leave their classrooms via the back playground.

PE

Children should come to school dressed in their PE kit on PE days (for Year 1 Monday and Wednesday). Please ensure your child brings their school uniform on these days as in the event of wet weather they will need to change their clothing after the PE lesson.

Outdoor Learning

Both classes will take part in outdoor learning throughout the school year. We require children to have a set of waterproofs and wellies in their locker.

Independence

In Year 1, we continue to develop children's independence skills. We expect the children to store all of their belongings in their locker, including any jumpers/cardigans. Please ensure all belongings are clearly labelled with their name. Every morning, children will be responsible for selecting their own lunch by referring to the weekly menu.

Healthy Eating

If your child brings a packed lunch please remember we do not allow sweets or fizzy drinks in school. Children in Year 1 will have access to a piece of fruit as a snack every day. We are a **nut free** school and we have children who are anaphylactic, so please be considerate of this at all times.

We encourage children to regularly drink water so please send your child with a named water bottle. We do not allow juice or flavoured water in bottles which children would be sipping from throughout the day, as this is not 'teeth friendly'. To avoid any damages to equipment and books please carry water bottles outside of book bags.

Home/school communication & keeping in touch

Please use our website and use Class Dojo to keep up to date. Class Dojo is also the best way to contact your child's class teacher for simple queries. For other issues or concerns, please arrange a meeting with the class teacher via the school office. Most concerns, if addressed quickly, can be sorted out informally, so please do try to talk things through with your child's class teacher. If you feel it would be more helpful to raise concerns with a leader in school, please speak to the Key Stage 1 Phase Leader, Mrs Fairbank, in the first instance. For all SEND queries please contact SEND@epsch.co.uk.

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Planners

Planners should be brought into school every day. Planners can be used for written messages between home and school. Please ask your child to show any messages to the class teacher and hand in any reply slips. A member of staff will check planners at least once a week and sign.

Home Learning

Home Learning is an important element of the partnership between teachers and parents in Year 1 as it supports the weekly learning we do in school. Home Learning includes:

Maths	Reading	Spelling
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Doodle Maths- daily challenge e.g. 5 a day/6 a day etc. just once a day, a minimum of four times a week.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Everyday for 10 minutes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">New Spelling Shed assignments will go live each Monday.Children will complete various spelling activities daily in school. Teachers will check spellings through dictated sentences each week. The results of these will be recorded in planners.

Home Reading

Ideally we would like you to read with your child every day however, at least four times a week is our expectation. This doesn't necessarily mean a full book needs to be read each time. Please judge accordingly because reading less but reading more often is much more beneficial. Please record in their planners when and what they have read. In addition to the school books, reading can include; books from home, comics, newspapers, magazines and appropriate web pages. More information regarding supporting your child when reading at home will be communicated by Mrs Bennett (Reading Lead) in the coming weeks.

Each week, we will add a 'recommended read' slip into your child's planner. This is an additional opportunity for children to experience a wide range of books. The QR on the slip will take you to a YouTube video where the book is read aloud. To access the link, you will need to download a QR code reader app. These texts are not linked to books being used in the classroom but are purely to be enjoyed at your leisure.

Spelling

Spelling is a crucial skill which is a key component of the Key Stage 1 curriculum. Children must be technically accurate to achieve 'the expected standard'. This means that they must be able to use EYFS words and Year 1 and 2 words as appropriate when writing.

Spellings will now be given in the form of a list of words. These words will either be Year 1 common exception words or grouped by phonics family sounds such as /ai/, /ee/ etc. The children will have copious opportunities to learn the meanings of these words, identify the graphemes and learn strategies to help spell these words. Teachers will check the application of spelling strategies through dictated sentences every Friday. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings through Spelling Shed.

We look forward to another exciting, hard working year with your children.

Kind regards,

The Year 1 team