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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 (Monday and Thursday). 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.

Year 1 PE days are Monday and Thursday

Forest Fridays

On Friday afternoons, both classes will take part in Forest Fridays and enrichment. If you wish you may provide your child with a pair of wellies that can be kept in their locker to use on these afternoons. We **don't** require children to have a set of waterproofs in their locker; however, they should come to school in a suitable waterproof coat.

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. Children will be taught how to upload their own photos/videos onto Class Dojo for recording some of their learning activities.

Healthy Living

If your child brings a packed lunch please remember we do not allow sweets or fizzy drinks in school.

Children in year 1 will be offered a piece of fruit as a snack everyday.

Allergen information - we are a **nut free** school and we have children who are anaphylactic, so please be considerate of this at all times.

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We encourage children to drink water throughout the day so please send your child with a named water bottle. 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 or phase leader 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.

Planners

Planners should be brought into school every day. Children will be told when they need to get them out of their bags for checking. 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, seven times a week. An 'extra' set may appear from time to time based on their learning that week. Please complete this in place on top of your daily practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyday for 10-15 minutes. Planners will be checked once a week. 	<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

We would like you to read with your child every day. 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.

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.

If your child has been identified as needing a Lexia account, completion at home of one 20 minute session per week can replace one reading session. Please note this in your child's planner.

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 words as appropriate when writing.

Spellings will now be given in the form of a list of words, not numbered spelling cards. 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 an exciting, hard working year with your children.

Kind regards,

The Year 1 team