



## Dear Parents/Carers

My name is Mrs Williams and as your child's new class teacher, I would like to welcome you and your child to Year 1. I hope you have had a lovely summer break and are now eager to start the new school year. I look forward to getting to know you and working together to have an enjoyable and productive year, as your child experiences the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 1 has to offer.

## Reading in Year 1...

Your child will be given a reading record and a reading book to take home and read at least 3 times a week. Children should bring their books in every day and place in the trays by the window. There is a yellow tray for books that need changing and a green tray for when they do not need changing. These books need to be readily available every day so that the children can read to an adult when necessary.



## General Reminders...

- Children are given an opportunity each morning to hand any letters or reply slips in to me. We do not check the children's book bags.
- Please provide your child with a named bottle for drinking water to keep in the classroom and to take home each week to clean.
- Your child will be provided with a piece of fruit each morning.
- If your child arrives to school later than 8.55am, please call in at the office first to sign in and collect a slip.
- If any child has not been collected by 3.40pm they should be collected from the reception.
- Please ensure jumpers and cardigans are labelled with your child's name to avoid clothing mix ups.

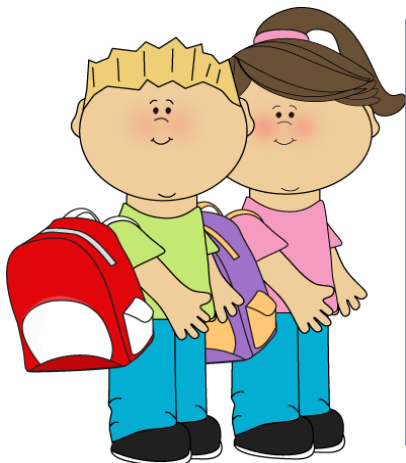
As your child is moving into Key Stage 1, we ask that you encourage them to develop their independence and form a daily routine by saying goodbye to them as they line up on the yard at 8.55am and allowing them to bring their own book bag, lunch box and coats into the classroom each morning. This can be a hectic time of the day, so getting into this routine will allow lessons to start fairly promptly (though this may take a few days to establish!) Of course if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to speak to me any day after school or leave a note for me in your child's reading record.

## Timetable

- **PE** will be on a **Friday**. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school and that all items are clearly labelled. (Please ensure that if your child has pierced ears they are able to remove their own earrings or alternately have them removed before school on these particular days- If recently pierced over summer they can wear plasters)
- **Spelling lists** will be given out each **Monday** and a **Spelling Test** will be held on a **Monday** morning. It would be beneficial for the children to spend a few minutes each day working on their new spellings.

## Important Dates

If you would like more information, we welcome you to an Open Evening on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 5.00-5:30pm to find out a little bit more about what your child will be doing in Year 1. There will also be a Reading/ Phonics Open Morning, the date of which will be confirmed soon.



## Cookery

Every half term the children will be taking part in a cookery class lead by Mrs Watson. For this we ask for a £3 donation per term, so £9 for the year. Could I ask for this money to be handed in, in a clearly labelled envelope.

Can you please inform me of any allergies which we should know about in regards to this activity.

## Stars

The school implements a Star reward which includes the 5 Christian values: Fairness, Respect, Responsibility, Trust and Understanding.

Each day the children will do their best to collect 5 stars. These will then be totalled up and a class will be rewarded each Friday assembly if they achieve the most stars.



## Final Note....

You will find a copy of the Curriculum Map attached which outlines what topics the children will be working on. For the first few weeks, to ensure a smooth transition, the children will follow a continuous provision as in Reception before moving onto a more formalised approach.

We want our children to recognise that the school, parents and child all work together as a team, and that we all have our part to play in helping children become better learners.

With thanks,

Mrs Williams - Year 1 Teacher