

# Welcome to Year 1!

On behalf of myself and Mrs Mitchell we welcome both you and your child to Year 1. We hope that you have had a restful summer and are now ready to start the new school year.

Our aim is to ensure that all children experience a smooth transition from Foundation Stage to Key Stage One. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Foundation Stage. Children will be challenged throughout their time in Year 1 and will experience a variety of learning styles and new approaches to learning to ensure that they become independent, resilient and motivated learners.

## General reminders and information

The children will have 1 session of PE each week, and are asked to attend school wearing their PE kit on that day. Children are required to have a summer and winter PE kit and should dress appropriately on the day. If the weather is dry sessions will take place outside. Please ensure that if your child wears trainers with laces you double knot them unless your child is able to tie their own laces.

### **Indoor PE kit consists of:**

Yellow crested polo shirt  
Royal blue shorts  
Black pumps

### **Outdoor PE kit consists of:**

Royal blue crested hoody and tracksuit bottoms.  
Trainers or black pumps.

Please ensure that every item of your child's clothing is clearly labelled with their name, we encourage all children to be responsible for their belongings. At times children do misplace their things throughout the course of a busy school day and it is so much easier to return items when we can identify the owner.

Slightly different to the snack time routine in Foundation Stage, the children will need to be given a snack from home for morning break. Children will be given a healthy snack during afternoon break time. If your child would like milk during morning break please inform the school office. Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle into school, with water/flavoured water this can be refilled at the fountain throughout the day as needed.

Your child will be given a reading book to take home each week from our school reading scheme, please ensure you listen to your child read as often as possible, to gain their weekly mark children are expected to read with an adult at home a minimum of 3 times per week. Reading books will be sent out on a Wednesday and need to be returned no later than the following Monday to allow time to be changed. Your child will also chose a reading for pleasure book, which will be differentiated by a numbered sticker on the front, this book is designed to be shared with you and your child and can be returned to school when finished, your child will then choose another. Feel free to read a range of literature such as streets/road signs, comics, recipes, instructions etc in addition to their school reading book. Please do not feel as though you have to write a great deal in your child's reading record, just a brief note of when and which pages were read and any comments about difficulties which may have arisen or successes.

Children will receive homework each week via Purple Mash, our web based learning platform. All children have been given log in details in sticker format within their reading record. This will consist of a maths based homework, usually linked to the work completed in school. Spelling/phonics homework which will consist of a list of words for children to learn, which they will be expected to spell correctly within their writing. Finally, creative homework, your child will receive a grid with a range of tasks on, please aim to complete 1 per fortnight. A copy of the creative homework will be available on the school website.

We look forward to a wonderful year together.

Mrs Hill and Mrs Mitchell