



Welcome to Year 1! Your children have settled in really well so far. We can't wait for the year ahead. Here is some information you may find useful.

Over the summer, our classrooms have been transformed! Everything has been painted and refreshed. We have brand new carpets, sinks and a new layout. As the building work continues to be ongoing, we are still waiting for some elements to be installed such as coat pegs, blinds for the windows, doors and display boards. The children have adapted well to the changes in routine we have put in place while we are waiting. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

Our topic for this term is a History topic. Our big question is **"How are toys of today different to toys of the past?"** Throughout the topic the children will talk about their favourite toys now compared to when they were babies. We will also be asking the children to talk to their families to find out what their parents and grandparents toys were like. Thank you so much for your support with this. In science, our big question is **"How does weather change from day to day?"** We will be learning about different types of weather and ways we can measure and record the changes we see.

PE PE this term will be on Wednesday afternoons and will be taught by Mrs Whittaker. Please send children into school in their PE kit, trainers, blue or black jogging bottoms or shorts and T-shirt. Children can wear their school jumper or a plain blue or black jumper. No hoodies please. Long hair should be tied up and earrings taken out.



## Forest Time

Our Forest time sessions will be on Thursday afternoons, weather permitting. **On Thursdays, your child should come to school wearing their forest time kit.** Forest time kit consists of a school PE t-shirt with a school, navy or black jumper and joggers, and a light waterproof coat and wellies in case of rain. In warmer weather, this could be adapted to a lightweight long sleeve t-shirt and lightweight trousers or leggings. We always ask children to have their arms and legs covered at forest to keep them safe as they explore.



Balance-ability In Year 1, all of the children will have the opportunity to take part in balance-ability programme to give them all the chance to learn how to ride a bike. This will start in four weeks, when the building work has been completed. Please can children come to school in jogger bottoms or leggings, trainers, school top and jumper.



## Important Dates

- 18.09.24 Meet the teacher sessions
- 12.12.24 Year 1 Christmas Performance



## Reading in Year 1

Reading at home is so important and is the children's main homework throughout Keystage 1. Please aim to read with your child at least 3 times a week. This could be the whole book or a few pages. Please record this in your child's reading diary.

### E-books

Each week, your child will be issued an e-book on Collins e-books which directly link to our Little Wandle phonics teaching. This e-book is carefully matched to your child's phonics level and the sounds they have been learning in class. The children will have all practiced these books in class already during our reading practice sessions, allowing them to develop their fluency and confidence at home. Your child may also bring home a phonics book in their book bag. This will be as closely matched to their phonics level as possible but will be unfamiliar as they won't have practised it in school. This is to give children a 'screen free' option.

### Free choice books

The children will also have the chance to choose a class library book. These will be picture books such as 'The Snail and the Whale' or 'This is the Bear'. These are books for you to read to or with your child to help foster their love and enjoyment of reading. There is no expectation for children to read these titles independently.

### Extra practice

If you would like some more books to practise reading with your child, you can collect extra books that match their level from outside the school office. They will have sticker on their reading diaries which match the boxes of books.

## General Information

- Please can all children have a named bookbag which they bring every day. If you can avoid it, **please don't have rucksacks** as they don't fit in our storage spaces.
- Please put **clear name labels** on all jumpers, ties and coats.
- In Year 1, all children qualify for free school meals. Meals must be ordered using the sco-pay school online ordering system.
- A mid-morning drink of milk is also available to order and buy through sco-pay.
- All Key Stage 1 children will be provided with a healthy snack each day of either fresh fruit or vegetables which the children will eat in the afternoon. **Children won't need to bring any other snacks.**
- All children must bring a named water bottle to school each day. This should go home each day to be washed and refilled. Children will be able to refill their bottles throughout the day.

Thank you for your support so far. We look forward to getting to know you all this year.

*The year one team*