



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a well-deserved, safe and relaxed summer holiday with family and friends!

Below is the key information you will need for this year. Please read this carefully.

- Units for this half-term

The books we will be looking at in English are:

- The Tiger Who Came To Tea
- The Gruffalo
- Poems - simple rhyme

The units which we will cover in Maths are:

- Place Value within 10
- Addition and Subtraction within 10

The subjects in the afternoon are:

- Geography - School Locality
- Science - Seasonal Changes
- Art - Colour

We will also be learning skills in Computing, RE, Music, PE and Learning for Life.

- Reading

Reading is a part of Year 1 homework, and your child must read the book given to them twice in order to develop fluency, practise their reading comprehension using the questions given in the book and recognise trickier words easily the next time they see it. Please date and sign your child's diary **every time you hear them read**. Please remind them to put their reading pack in the blue box in the mornings, so that we can check the diary, move their face on our chart each time they have read and/or change the book. Children do not need to finish their book in 1 day; they can read a few pages every night. If by Friday your child has been heard read 3 or more times in the week, they will receive 1 house point. We will monitor reading at home and will be reading with children during different points in the school year.

- PE - Monday morning and Tuesday afternoon.

Your child must come to school dressed in their PE kit.

This year, one area of school we will be improving as a school is to ensure all children wear proper school PE uniform to school on the days they have PE. We would not accept children arriving in school not wearing standard school uniform and PE should be no different. Wearing appropriate PE kit to school ensures the children look smart together, feel part of a team and that everyone is seen as equal. For children to participate in PE lessons next year, they will need to wear the standard school PE uniform of a plain white t-shirt and plain dark tracksuits and/or shorts with socks and trainers.

All jewellery must be removed at home and hair must be tied back. We can't provide your child with tape to cover their earrings or jewellery.

Please label all PE clothing and uniform with your child's name to avoid lost clothes.

- Please provide a spare set of clothes including socks and pants.

At times, children can experience toilet accidents and we do not always have the correct sized clothing for your child to get changed into. Please label this bag which we will keep on your child's peg at school.

- Please ensure your child brings a book bag and water bottle into school.

Our classrooms have limited space and rucksacks or backpacks can lead to trips and falls as we do not have enough space in the cloakrooms to store them. Children have their own labelled drawer which is a perfect size for a book bag.

- Homework

As mentioned, reading is part of this year's homework along with weekly spellings which will both help with the end of year phonics screen check. Children will need to practise spellings weekly which will be set in a few weeks once they have settled into their new routine. Your child will receive a spelling book with their spellings listed and the quiz date will be every Tuesday. Please do not use the book to practise in. Your child will also have a login card to a website called Spelling Shed which years 1-6 use. There are various games on there to help your child learn in an alternative way if you prefer. If your child gets most of the spellings correct, they will receive 1 house point. Busy Things will have a variety of games set on 'Favourites' where they can practise reading, spelling and maths learning which we have covered in class.

These will be updated once we have covered more content and logins will be given out soon. If you require further homework, our class page will have objectives listed in the homework section which will provide some ideas of things you can do with your child at home to help cover skills taught in the classroom. Practical games, interaction/talking with adults and practising skills using the ideas given on the class page benefit children in Year 1, therefore worksheets will not be given out as part of homework.

The transition from EYFS to Year 1 is a big step for children, and we always take into consideration children's well-being and provide the care and support they might need whilst becoming used to new routines, rules and adults.

If at any point you have questions or are unsure about anything in Year 1, please see me after school once the children have been released.

I am looking forward to working alongside you all so that we can provide the best possible outcomes for your child.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Chana