

Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 9th September 2016

Welcome back! I hope that you have all had a lovely summer and the children are looking forward to learning in their new classes. I am really looking forward to working with you all this year and excited to get to know all the children in Year 1. The Year 1 teachers have been impressed with how your children have settled into their new classes with ease and have planned a fun and interesting curriculum for the children to enjoy!

In order to enable you to support your child's learning at home, we have outlined below some of the topics that we will be learning this term:

English	We will be focussing on sequencing events and writing simple sentences using patterned language, words and phrases taken from familiar stories. The children will also be continuing to learn their phonic sounds and recognising common Year 1 key words.
Maths	The children will be learning to recognise, order and form numbers correctly. We will also be learning about number bonds, addition and subtraction. We will be encouraging the children to use mathematical language such as more than, less than and equal to.
Science	We will be talking about the different seasons and the changes that occur.
Topic/ Foundation subjects	Weather patterns (Geography and Science), Toys in the present and past (History), Showing respect for others and their beliefs (RE), New beginnings/Saying no to bullying (PSHE), Movement, dance, throwing catching and receiving (P.E.), Preparing fruits and vegetables (DT), Singing and rhythms (Music).

School library

Each class will have the opportunity to visit the library during the week where they will get a chance to borrow one book of their choice per week and take home to enjoy. Library days will be confirmed in due course.

PE

Children will have an indoor and outdoor session of PE during the week. P.E times are flexible and therefore we would appreciate it if you would ensure that your child's PE kit is in school and remains in school for the half term. The P.E kit list is available on the school website.

Home Learning

We would really appreciate it if you could assist your child and support them in their Home Learning activities:

Homework/Subject	Guidance
Spellings	These will be given out every Friday and tested the following Friday.
Maths	This will be set online every other Thursday.
Home Learning Matrix	Set every other Thursday and returned within 2 weeks. The Learning Matrix includes a range of written, mathematical, creative and practical tasks. Please choose only one task every 2 weeks.
Reading	Children will bring home a new reading book each week. We would appreciate it if you could add a comment and sign the reading diary after you read with your child at home and ensure this is returned along with the guided reading book on your child's reading day.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to speak with me.

Best wishes,

Mrs P Master

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