

Friday 14th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 1! Hopefully your child is settling into the new routine of being in Year 1. This letter will give you an introduction to what we are planning for this year. Hopefully it will answer any questions that you have, but if you would like to know anything else, please do ask.

The Year 1 Team

Ms Hargrave is the Class Teacher and Mrs Goodson will be supporting the class.

Homework

Homework is very important this year. It is emailed out on a Friday to be returned on a Wednesday. If you would prefer a paper copy rather than an email, please let me know. The children will have a home learning book which they should do their work in. Additionally sometimes they will be asked to do some maths work on sumdog – you should have a login for this. If not, please let me know.

Each week your child will receive spelling words and number bonds to learn as well as 1 Maths task and 1 English task. Each task should take around 10 minutes.

Reading

Reading is an important part of your child's home learning and they should be reading for at least 10 minutes daily. Try and encourage your child to read for pleasure at home and make time for reading a variety of texts; stories, information texts, magazines, newspapers, poetry, recipes, cartoons, letters etc. Please record whatever they have read in the reading record book. Their reading books will be changed in school twice a week.

As a class we will be visiting the school library every Monday where the children will be supported to choose a book.

Mathematics

There are many ways you can help your children with their learning in maths:

Number

By the end of Year 1 children are expected to be able to 'add and subtract one-digit and two-digit numbers to 20 including zero'. It would be really helpful if you could give them practical experience outside school – for example, if they are laying the table and another 2 people join you, ask them how many settings you would now need.

Number bonds

Make sure they can quickly recall the pairs of numbers which add up to 10 (1 and 9, 2 and 8, 3 and 7 etc). (eg "9 and what makes ten?") This will help with their mental arithmetic as they move through their education. Turn it round so they also know the subtraction fact ("10 take away 3 is what?").

Vocabulary

We use lots of different words for maths operations. For example:

Add – total, plus, altogether

Subtract - minus, takeaway, leaves, remain,

Multiplication – groups of, lots of, sets of, times

Division – shared by, divided by

Equals - the same as, makes

Play games – ensure the children think maths is fun! Play card games or board games with a dice. Dominoes is also good at this age. There are lots of great websites and apps too.

www.mathsisfun.com

www.topmarks.co.uk

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/zjxhfg8>

PE

Our PE lessons are on a Tuesday and Thursday, but please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school all week. We will send them home every half term to be washed.

Creative Curriculum

Our topic this term is 'Magnificent Me' – we will be learning about ourselves and how toys and technology have changed over time. If you have any old toys (which aren't too big or precious) from your childhood or your parents' childhoods, please send them in. We promise to look after them!

If you have any questions, please see me in the playground after school, or contact the office who will pass on the message to me.

Yours sincerely

Ms Hargrave