



Year 1 Autumn Term Letter



Welcome to Year 1! We hope you have all had a lovely and restful (or eventful) summer!

It has been great fun getting to know your children during the transition days last term and we look forward to seeing them embrace the challenge of year 1 with a positive attitude. Our topic this term is **Changes**.

For our planning and preparation times, as well as leadership, our classes will also be taught by Mrs Livanos and Mrs Kalinka.

Snacks and Drinks



Children will be provided with a fruit or vegetable snack each day. However you can provide your child with their own snack (fruit, veg or a plain biscuit/plain bread sticks) if you wish. Please ensure that it is in a small named container and please remember we are a **nut free** school. They will also need a named water bottle for the classroom.

If you would like your child to have milk, this will need to be booked online.

Reading

In Year 1, the children will now have a Reading Journal, which will replace the Communication book they had in EYFS.



This book will be checked twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please can you make sure that both their Reading Journal and Phonics Reading Book are in their bags every day so that we can read with them in school too.

Please ensure you read with your child **every single day** and record it in their reading diary



(can just be a simple note with the date and title of book). This is essential for their core learning and builds the foundation for all other learning. The government guidelines are that they should read their phonics book at least 3 times. Thank you for your support in this.

Homework

We will be sending home a homework book in due course with a weekly task to be completed. Homework will be set on a Wednesday to be returned on the following Tuesday.

PE Days

Mondays and Wednesday

Please can children wear trainers with velcro straps rather than laces (unless they can tie them up themselves). Thank you.

Forest School Days

Thursdays - Poppy Class this half term and Bluebells after half term.

Please check the information sent by the office about what your child needs to wear, but if you have any questions, please do speak to a member of the Year 1 Team.

Parent Helpers

If you have any time at all (preferably in the afternoons), we would welcome any parent helpers to listen to the children read. You will need to have a DBS check which you can do through the office. Please come and speak to us if you are able to help. Many thanks.

Named Clothing

Please ensure all clothing is named, especially jumpers, coats and hats as we often get a lot being left behind at the end of the day, and if it is not named, then we don't know who it belongs to and will end up in Lost Property.

If your children is prone to having accidents, please could you put some spare underwear/clothes in their bags.

Please be mindful of the size of bag your child comes in with as we have limited space in the classroom.

Curriculum Overview

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| PE: Yoga (Mondays) and Sending & Receiving (Wednesdays). | Science: Materials |
| History: Changes in toys. | Geography: Maps and Our School. |
| Music: Hey You—exploring Hip Hop songs through Charanga. | RE: Christianity & The Christmas Story. |
| Computing: Online Safety and Grouping & Sorting. | PSHE: Being Me & Celebrating Difference. |
| Art: Make your mark—exploring lines. | D&T: Mechanisms.—make a moving book. |