



September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 1. It has been lovely to see how well the children have settled in to Year 1 during this transition period. Please find below some information you may find useful this term.

- The children's reading skills are developed in a variety of ways. We build in opportunities for the children to read every day throughout the curriculum. Each week your child will be sent home with two books to read with you – they will usually have read a few pages of one book in school. Please keep them at home for a week and enjoy reading and discussing them. Your child will also read once a week as part of a small guided reading session. We will record a comment in the reading record book relating to the guided reading session, but these guided group reading books won't be sent home. As individual reading days and guided reading sessions are usually on different days, please ensure the yellow reading record books are in the children's book bags every day. Please note that your child may read books from a range of colour bands during the year. This is to ensure they read a wider variety of texts than those provided in Foundation Stage. This does not mean that they have gone down a level, but broadens their reading skills further, for example: comprehension, text layout and features of non-fiction texts.
- We hope that you will continue to read the 'Bug Club' books as this is a fantastic reading and comprehension resource. If you have any problems logging in please feel free to come and speak to us.
- Each week we will visit the library and change or renew their books (1 Oak on Wednesdays and 1 Lime on Fridays)
- Your child will usually receive Maths home learning tasks on a Tuesday – this may be a worksheet or a game to play on the ActiveLearn website (more details to follow). Please return any written work to school by the following Monday. Sometimes your child may be asked to support our topic in some way by bringing in books or artefacts to share.
- As we are encouraging the children to be more independent, please remind them to hand in any home learning tasks, reading books or letters. Our Learning Support Assistants are not available at the start of every day to check book bags.
- All children will need a named art overall (preferably long-sleeved). This should be given to your child who will put it in the art overall box in their classroom.
- Can we remind you that all items of school uniform need to be clearly marked with your child's name.
- Provide an extra pair of socks in your child's P.E bag. As the weather gets colder your child will need a green tracksuit as we try to go outside for games for as long as possible. As you are aware, House colours were allocated at the end of Foundation stage, therefore please ensure your child has the correct colour T-shirt for their house.
- In Foundation Stage, the children were introduced to the school's Golden Rules and may have been chosen to go in the Golden Book as part of Friday's celebration assembly. This will continue through into Year 1.

Thank you for your support,

Ms Norsworthy and Mr Winter

