



Year 1 Autumn Term

September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Autumn term of Year One, we hope that you have all had a lovely Summer! We are looking forward to a busy term ahead; here are some reminders and information for the coming term.

Children's Learning:

In **English** we will be covering a range of genres using Babcock teaching sequences to guide our planning. Our first text is 'The Naughty Bus' by Jan & Jerry Oke. We will be writing our own stories based on this text.

In **Maths** we will be following White Rose Maths units starting with Number and place value.

Learning Challenge Curriculum (LCC): This term we will be looking at the questions 'What materials should the Naughty Bus use to build a shelter?' This is a Science based question where children will explore materials and their properties. Next, we have a History based question 'How was my Grandparent's Christmas list different to mine?' We will explore and compare how toys have changed through the years.

Reading: The children can choose two reading books on a Friday and they will be changed the following Friday. They will also be able to choose a library book on a Wednesday to keep until the following Wednesday. They will only be able to choose a different book if they return their previous library book.

Daily or regular reading at home is extremely beneficial to your children and we would appreciate your support with this. Please record any reading that you do together at home in their reading diaries. **Their reading record books will be checked on a Friday**, stamped and children will be rewarded for reading regularly at home with stickers to collect. **Please can their reading books and diary be in school every day.** Children will receive a sticker if they have read 4 times or more over the week. If you have any messages for the teacher, please feed these through to the office or your child can pass a note straight to their teacher. We are also happy to receive emails or calls and will endeavour to get back to you as soon as we are able.

Phonics & Spellings: In class the children will receive daily phonics sessions and we will also be working on the Year 1 Common Exception Words (CEW) and topic-based words. If you would like to support your children with these please check our Year 1 website page for spelling updates. Starting in the second half term children will receive weekly spelling homework. These words will be linked to their phonics or be the Year One CEW's.

Class Bear: On a Friday, we will choose a child to take home the class bear for the weekend. They can share their weekend with the bear and write or draw some pictures about their special time together. They will then bring the bear and the diary back into class on the Monday ready to share this with their peers.

Uniform & P.E Kit: Please could we ask children have a waterproof coat in school with them everyday, especially as the weather is so changeable at the moment.

Ensure that your child is wearing correct school uniform and appropriate black school shoes. Please can they come into school wearing their full PE kit on the days below, ensuring this is in line with the PE uniform policy. Kit needs to be suitable for the weather that day. Please ensure all clothes are clearly named. It would be helpful if their school shoes and trainers are easy for your child to put on, preferably Velcro or slip on.

PE days for Yew and Silver Birch - Wednesday and Thursdays.

Belongings: Please can we remind children no toys, games or any other unnecessary items in their bags please. All coats and jumpers need to be clearly named.

During school hours we will continue to remind children to drink plenty of water. We encourage all children to bring a named bottle containing **water** so they can easily access water throughout the day.

Snack time: We are provided with fruit for the children in Key Stage One for morning and afternoon break. If children chose to bring in their own snack please can these be a healthy choice. There is also the option to buy toast and milk at 10p each. Any money brought into school must be in a wallet or purse that is clearly labelled. The children are responsible for their own money.

Lunch options: As you can appreciate with free school dinners being available to all children in KS1, it can take a long time to decide what the children are having for their lunch option. Please read through the menu at home so the children have an idea of what they want and so you can check that they will like that option. Children will then be able to choose their own lunch in the morning.

Sickness: We would like to remind you that if your child is off school due to sickness, they must not return to school for 48 hours.

If your child is showing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 please do not send them into school.

Medication: The school can only administer prescribed medication which needs to be left in the office with a signed form. Any other medication will need to be administered by parents/guardians.

Year 1 assemblies and school trips: We will be in touch in the future with any information regarding assemblies and trips.

We look forward to getting to know you and your child.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Many Thanks

Mrs Davies, Mrs Kirk & Mrs Sheldon