

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Class One. We hope you all had a really good summer.

In Year One the children will be following a creative curriculum. The topics will provide an interesting and hands on stimulus through which your child can learn. The Geography and History curriculum will be covered in our topic lessons. This term our topic lessons will be about the local area. We will be asking questions regarding the area around the school. The final week of this half term will be the first of four 'Nature Detectives' where we will cover seasonal changes in Science.

For ICT the children will learn about E-safety and learn to log on to a laptop. They will then learn to use Tux-Paint to paint their names. For Art the children will learn to colour mix with paint.

We will put a copy of our timetable, Maths and English medium term plans on the class blog at the start of each new topic so you can find out more about what your child will be learning.

### **Reading and Phonics**

The teaching of reading is a combined effort between child, teacher, parents and TAs. All children participate in Guided Reading sessions each week and it is hoped that they will be heard individually at least once a week either by a teacher or a TA.

Please encourage your child to read for a few minutes each night at home, daily practice is better than reading a whole book in one go. When you listen to your child read, please comment and sign their reading record as this provides us with the information we need to effectively assess their reading. Please note that we will change books every Thursday, so if your child has finished their selection of books before Thursday we would encourage them to read their own books or library books to gain wider reading experience. These books can also be recorded and commented on in your child's reading record book.

We will be teaching a focused phonics session in class every day. Your child may also be given key words or flashcards to look at with you at home. Please practise with them so that they recognise them (quickly) by sight.

### **P.E**

In term 1, our P.E lessons are timetabled for Wednesdays. Please make sure your child comes into school in their PE kit on Wednesdays starting from week 2. You will be informed about any changes to the timetable.

Please ensure **ALL** items of school clothing and P.E kit are labelled as this reduces the anxiety the children experience when they mislay a shirt or pair of shorts. P.E sessions may take place outside so your child will require dark coloured tracksuit bottoms/leggings and plimsolls or trainers.

### **Homework**

Further information regarding homework will be given out shortly.

If you would like to discuss anything concerning your child please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see us.

Kind Regards

Miss Rahman and Mrs Bennett