

Dear Parents,

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

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' week 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 will participate in Guided Reading sessions each week when they are ready 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 new reading books will be given out on a **Monday** and will need to be returned on a **Friday**. We are doing this so that the books can be quarantined before being returned to their boxes. If your child has finished their selection of books before Friday, we would encourage them to read their own books or E- books to gain a 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 these 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. 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.

What to do if your child is off school?

If your child is feeling well but has to stay off school because your family have been asked to self-isolate, you will find a topic menu of tasks on our class page of the website. There are a whole range of tasks on this document which relate to our current topic and will keep them busy! If your child wants to create their own task or project based on the world around us, then that is also fine. We also have a list of the common exception words on the website, so would ask that they continue to practise spelling these, writing them in sentences where possible, and of course keeping up with regular reading practise would be very beneficial. During lockdown you will have received many links to websites that have provided online learning resources while schools were closed - you may still find these useful if you need further activities. We will also put some useful links on our webpage as the term goes on. Please let us know if you have any questions. If you would like to discuss anything concerning your child, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards

Miss Rahman, Mrs Hower, Mrs Garland and Mrs Roberts

