

Year 1Parents Information for Autumn 1

A huge welcome on behalf of all of us in Year 1. I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday. I am delighted to be teaching your child this year and have really enjoyed getting to know them all. The children have already begun making a great start to their academic year and we are going to have a fantastic time together in Year 1!

Reading in Year 1

Parents are welcome to join us in the mornings as often as possible, from 8:30am up until 8:45am on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This allows time for you to come in and join us for our first lesson on an informal basis. During this time, the children will engage in reading which would be a great opportunity for you to share a love of reading with your child; alongside, giving your child some time to share their learning with you.

All children will read to an adult on a one-to-one basis every week and they will also participate in a weekly guided reading session. Your child should have now brought home a reading book and we would really appreciate your support in completing the reading diaries. This is to make sure that we can see when a book has been completed and can change reading books accordingly.

Topic

Our topic for this term is all about superheroes. During the topic, the children will be exploring the human body and will recognise the changes of toys throughout history. We will be reading a variety of books based around this superhero topic including 'Superworm' by Julia Donaldson. Julia Donaldson's books will be used throughout the year to explore different texts created by the same author. We have transformed our role play area into a hero headquarters where the children can take on the role of becoming a real superhero. We hope you will be able to see our fantastic work develop throughout this half term.





Homework

We have created a Year One home challenge booklet. The children will have a variety of activities to complete with you, which relate directly to our superhero topic. This booklet is designed to be completed over time (one challenge each week) and the tasks should last the children until this topic ends (October half term).

The children may bring each completed task into school on any day and put in this in our homework box. The children will then earn a sticker on their homework chart which they will receive at the end of term. We will then add their task to a special homework book which will go on our class topic display.

Spellings will be given out every Friday and the children will be tested on the following Friday. Please read with your child **everyday** at home - this will benefit your child enormously.

Water Bottles

Please can children bring their own water bottle in to school every day. This really saves precious learning time as children can access these from the classroom when they are thirsty.

PE

Our PE lesson will be on a **Wednesday**.

The children will need :

- Blue shorts
- Pale blue polo shirt
- Pumps or trainers

No earrings or watches to be worn at all.

Please ensure PE kits are in school until the end of term.

We understand that the transition from Reception to Year 1 is a huge step for your child. Therefore, we encourage you to work closely with us throughout the year to ensure your child gets the best possible experience from Year 1.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to one of us at the end of the day.

Miss Latham, Miss Douglas and Miss O'Neill

