

# Year One September 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year One! We hope everyone has had a good summer break, and is ready for the busy year ahead. This letter is to let you know about some of the things we are doing in Year One, and will also ensure your child has everything they need.

## Lockers and Book Bags

Each child has their own locker in the Key Stage One entrance where they can keep their coat, PE bag and jumpers etc. The locker is not very big and therefore only has room for a coat, PE bag and **SMALL** rucksack if your child really needs one. They also have their own drawer in the classroom to store book bags. Please make sure your child has a flat book bag for carrying reading books and reading records so that it fits into the drawer easily.

## Water Bottles and Snacks

Please make sure your child has a water bottle, labelled with their name, at school **every day** so they can have regular drinks in the classroom; these are stored on the draining board in your child's classroom. Fruit and vegetable snacks are provided in school and can be eaten during morning or afternoon playtimes. If your child would prefer to bring their own snacks for playtimes, please make sure this consists of **fruit or vegetables** as we are a healthy school.

## PE

We have PE on **Wednesday** and **Friday** each week. Please make sure your child has a full PE kit at school so they can take part in the lesson. This should include suitable footwear for outdoor lessons and an extra jumper or cardigan etc for cooler weather. Please make sure **ALL** kit, including footwear, is labelled with your child's name. **Our first PE lesson will be on FRIDAY.**

## Clothing

ALL clothing must be clearly labelled with your child's name. We do not have a lost property box at school, so a name in each item makes finding clothing much easier.

## Big Idea

'Big Idea' is the themed work we do. Our first Big Idea for this half term is based around the book 'Dinosaurs Love Underpants' by Claire Freedman. During this Big Idea, we will be finding out about dinosaurs. Our second Big Idea is called 'Mixing and Melting' and we will be finding out about our local history and making some exciting things.

## Reading

Soon, your child will bring home an independent reading book which will support and consolidate the reading they have done at school. The book will be at a similar level to the books they read during Guided Reading sessions. Please encourage them to read to you regularly. Once your child has read their book, and you have written a comment in the Home Reading Record, they can change their book in the classroom.

## Class Pet

Each class has now got their own class pet. Every week we will take a name out of a hat to decide who will be taking the pet home for the weekend. The pet has a diary and your child can write, draw or add photos to show what the pet has been doing while they stay for the weekend!

## Helping Your Child at Home

Here are some ways in which you can support your child's learning at home:

- Reading and practising phonics.
- Practise forming the numerals from 0 to 9 correctly.
- Practise counting up to 100.
- Practise forming letters correctly starting on the baseline.

## Year One Open Afternoon

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September, we will be having an open afternoon from 3.15pm to 4pm. This will be an opportunity for you to come and see the Year One classrooms and to ask any general questions you may have about Year One. We hope you can make it.

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, please come and speak to us; we are usually available at the end of school.

Best wishes,

Mrs Gage, Miss Coulson and Miss Buczynska