

Year One Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019

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 everything needs to fit inside so the door closes properly. Therefore, the locker only has room for a coat, PE bag and one other **SMALL** bag if you 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 and key rings are kept to a minimum 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. Please make sure bottles are only filled with water; juice or squash needs to be saved for lunchtime. 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 is a 'healthy' snack (no nuts/nut products, sweets or crisps) and that they are clearly labelled with your child's name to avoid confusion.

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.

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 and less distressful for the children.

Big Idea

'Big Idea' is the themed work we do. Our first Big Idea for this half term is based around the book 'Bog Baby' by Jeanne Willis. During this Big Idea, we will be finding out about as much as we can about Bog Baby.

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. Once your child has read their book, and you have written a comment in their Home Reading Record, they can change the book in the classroom. We check reading records every Thursday and children receive a reward sticker if they read on 4 or more occasions during the week.

English

In English we will be focussing on writing labels, captions and lists about Bog Baby.

Maths

In Maths we will be focussing on counting up to 20 and reading and writing numerals and number words up to ten.

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 Tuesday 17th September, we will be having an open afternoon from 3.15pm to 3.45pm. 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.

Hopefully, this information is helpful but if you have any questions, please come and speak to us; we are usually available at the end of the school day.

Best wishes,

Mrs Gage and Miss Coulson