

Year One Newsletter

Autumn 1 2020

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. 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. Lockers do get quite full once children start to bring bigger coats, so there really isn't space for big bags! They also have their own drawer in the classroom to store book bags. Please make sure your child has a thin, flat book bag for carrying reading books and reading records and key rings are kept to a minimum so that the bag 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 **Tuesday** and **Friday** each week. Please make sure your child has a full PE kit at school so they can take part in the lesson. All P.E. lessons will take place outside, so children need suitable footwear an extra jumper or cardigan for colder 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 'Mr Big' by Ed Vere. During this Big Idea, we will be finding out about being a good friend.

Reading

Soon, your child will bring home a 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. Your child will bring home 1 book per week. This will allow them to read and re-read the text and also help us to maintain safety when bringing items to and from school. Books will be placed in a 'quarantine' box until they are safe to go back into circulation. When your child has read their book, please note it in their Home Reading Record. We check reading records every week and children receive a reward sticker for regular reading.

English

In English we will be focussing on writing labels, captions and lists about Mr Big.

Maths

In Maths we will be focussing on measuring and then move to counting up to 20, 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 forwards and backwards.
- Practise forming letters correctly starting on the baseline.

Welcome Video

As we are unable to invite you into the Year One classrooms, we will be making a short video to give you the chance to find out a little more about where your child spends their day. We will send more information about this soon.

Hopefully, this letter is helpful, but if you have any questions, please drop us an email and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Best wishes,

Mrs Gage, Miss Hill, Miss Bucyznska and Mrs Woodward