Welcome to year 1☺.

The children have had a fantastic first day in year 1 and it has been lovely hearing all about their summers! Although I am lucky enough to already know most of the children, from their time in Nursery and/or Reception, I am really looking forward to getting to know their new ‘grown up’ interests and I am excited to guide them through their first year out of Early Years.

We will work together to ensure your child enjoys, achieves, and gets the most of their school year, and I thank you in advance for your support☺.

You will be invited to attend an Inspire Afternoon meeting (date to follow), where you will gain an insight into what your child will be covering this year; be given some important information regarding year 1; and similar to the Early Years Stay & Play sessions, there will be some activities for you to experience with your child.

For now, here is some useful year 1 information for you. PLEASE READ☺.

P.E.

We have our P.E lessons on a Thursday.
Please ensure kits are clearly labelled with your child’s name. Kit checks will be completed each half term by Mr Healey.
All P.E kits are to be left in school for the course of each half term when they will be sent home to be washed.

School Uniform

Please make sure that ALL of your child’s school uniform is clearly labelled with their full name. This is particularly important when getting changed for P.E. and also helps locating the right owners of 30 jumpers and cardigans in class!

Book Bags & Plastic Wallets

The children have been given a zip plastic wallet which is to go to and from school in their book bag. Book bags are kept on the children’s pegs. The children will take the plastic wallet out of their book bag and put it into their box each morning. Homework, reading books/records, spelling books and letters will be put into and kept inside the plastic wallets. PLASTIC WALLETS NEED TO BE IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY.

Spellings

Spellings will be given on a Friday for a written test the following Friday.

Please ensure children have the opportunity to practise each week in their spelling record. Test results will be recorded in this book each week to enable you to track your child’s progress. THE FIRST SPELLINGS WILL GO OUT THIS FRIDAY FOR THE FIRST TEST ON 13.09.19.

Homework

Weekly homework will alternate between English and Maths.
Homework will be set on a Monday and be due in the following Friday.
Please ensure homework is always completed and in your child’s plastic wallet on Friday.

THE FIRST HOMEWORK HAS BEEN SENT HOME TODAY AND INCLUDES A BIT OF ENGLISH & MATHS. HOMEWORK IS DUE IN ON FRIDAY. THANK YOU.

High Frequency Words

In the back of your child’s spelling record book you will find 100 high frequency words.
Please ensure that the children have regular opportunities to practise these at home as their progress will be assessed each half term.

Reading Days

Your child’s reading day will either be Monday, Wednesday or Friday. You can find this information on the cover of their reading record.
Home reading books will be changed once weekly on this day.
Please read as often as possible (a few pages a day is best) with your child and ensure you write a short comment (and sign) in their reading record each time.

READING BOOKS HAVE BEEN SENT HOME TODAY (BOOKS THEY WERE UP TO AT THE END OF RECEPTION). READING ASSESSMENTS WILL BE COMPLETED AND THE APPROPRIATE BOOK WILL BE GIVEN TO YOUR CHILD ON THEIR READING DAY NEXT WEEK.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school EVERY DAY and that child’s name is visible on their water bottle.

Dojo

Please ensure you check **both** our Class Story page and the School Story page for posts and updates.

Snack

The children may either choose to bring in their own fruit, or, if you wish for your child to receive a biscuit at break time please ensure money is sent into school in an enclosed envelope with your child’s name on. Biscuits are 10p.

Birthdays

Birthday cakes are unfortunately not permitted in school this year but children are welcome to bring in sweets for children that can be taken home at the end of the day.

Hope this helps, Mrs Poole ☺