



Dear Year one parents/carers,

A warm welcome back to the start of a new year!

We hope that you and your family have had a magical Christmas time. We, as a team, would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for all of the seasonal greetings, cards and gift that we have received. They were not necessary but very much appreciated.

Best wishes for a wonderful 2024!

We can't wait for another term packed full of learning and sparking curiosity.

We will be exploring a range of fiction and non-fiction texts that will fuel our pieces of writing, creative work and PSHE discussions. Our No Outsiders text for this first half term is, 'Want to Play Trucks?' In maths, we will be extending our number work to include numbers up to 20 and then 50. We will also be exploring volume and mass. To find the maths help books for each of these areas, please visit the school website under the heading "Curriculum". In science, we will be starting by looking at plants. We will be identifying the parts of different plants and trees and seeing whether we can categorise them in different ways. We hope to create our own KS1 flower garden in the outside area!



Reminders

Children need to bring a refillable water bottle every day. It should be filled with water only and will be topped up as needed.

Children need one, manageable, healthy snack for first break or children can choose a hot snack such as a bagel or toast which can be paid for through ParentMail. School provides fruit in the afternoon but the children are welcome to bring a piece of fruit from home for the afternoon if they prefer.

PE

PE will take place on **Mondays and Fridays**. Please ensure that earrings are removed at home on these days or that tape/plasters are sent into school. Long hair should be tied back or a bobble should be sent into school. This is particularly important as we will be beginning a unit of work on gymnastics, using apparatus and equipment.

We will be trialling a system whereby a member of staff will be located by the fire exit of the hall, collecting any messages to be passed on to teachers. If you have anything you need to speak to us about in more detail, please don't hesitate to call or email the office and we will endeavour to reply as quickly as possible.

Homework

Homework will be set at the end of the week, either on Seesaw or, if appropriate, challenges will be set on Mathletics. So that your children can practise their mental maths skills, please find a range of games and activities on the 'Topmarks' website.

RWInc books will continue to be changed on **Monday** ready for the week ahead. **Story books** can also be swapped on a **Monday**. The children are also welcome to select a **library book** to take home on a **Wednesday**. Please don't worry about which book is which. If all are stored in their bags, we will ensure the correct ones are swapped on the correct day.

Spelling lists for the half term will be posted on Seesaw and a hard copy will be sent home. Please support your child in learning to spell these words. We will also practise them in class and on a Monday, will conduct a low-key spell check.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Miss Taylor, Mrs Bailey, Mrs Bebbington and Ms Morris