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Learning together. Achieving together.



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely summer and that the children are excited to start in Year 1. We have really missed them during the holidays and are looking forward to supporting them in their transition. We would like to share a few key details about the year ahead.

Staffing

Mrs Rushton will teach the children on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesday afternoons. Mrs Croft will teach on the remaining days. P.E. will be taught by Ms Shone on Tuesday mornings.

We also have two classroom assistants: Mrs Stanworth and Mrs Friend.

Mornings

Please drop your child off at the Year 1 wooden gates. We line up on the blue line until the bell rings, and staff will guide the children into class. This system usually works well - thank you for your continued support.

School starts at 8:45 a.m., so please aim to arrive as close to this time as possible, as we have a very busy morning schedule in Year 1.

If someone other than a parent is collecting your child - such as a grandparent or another relative - please let us know. If another parent is collecting, you can either email the office or let a member of the Year 1 team know in the morning.

Reading

This week, your child will choose a reading-for-pleasure book to bring home - something to enjoy independently or with an adult.

Reading days will remain the same as in the last term of Reception and assessed reading books will begin coming home from next Monday. These books are selected to match your child's reading level and should be read with approximately 95% accuracy.

Children will bring home one book per week, to be changed on their reading day. Please continue to use school book bags not rucksacks.

We will continue using the Go Read app/diary this year. Please ensure that reading books are in book bags every day, as this helps us take advantage of any additional reading opportunities.

P.E.

All children need a named P.E. kit consisting of:

- Black shorts
- House colour polo shirt
- Trainers or pumps (preferably with Velcro fastenings)

Thank you to those who have already brought kits in. Kits should be in a **small, named bag** and will remain in school until the end of the half-term.

P.E. days: Tuesday and Friday

Homework

In Year 1, children are expected to read regularly - 10 minutes each evening is ideal.

They will also receive tricky words to practise throughout the year. Homework will be set each week on Seesaw, on Fridays, and should be completed by the following Wednesday. It will include a mixture of Maths and Phonics activities.

Homework will begin by Friday, 12th September.

Our learning this half term:

Geography	Is a pirate an explorer?
Science	Our body and senses. Identify, name, draw and label basic body parts and be able to link them to our senses
English	The Night Pirate by Peter Harris
Maths	Numbers to 10, Part-whole within 10, Addition within 10.
PE	Dance - Animals, Fundamental movements skills 1
RE	Christianity - Belonging
Computing	Instructions to move BeBots
PSHE	What makes a good team?
Music	Charanga - Hey you! Differences between pulse, rhythm, and pitch.
Art	Painting skills inspired by Maggi Hambling

Rewards

We aim to promote a happy, motivated, and respectful learning environment. Our behaviour system is called The Waverton Way, which encourages children to:

- Be safe
- Be ready
- Be respectful

Our class works together to earn "jewels in the jar." Once full, the class earns a reward.

We also use house points to recognise effort and good behaviour. These are counted each Friday, and the winning house team is announced in assembly and receives extra playtime.

Snack Time

Morning snack time will continue in Year 1. Children will have fruit and a drink, and we will also offer an additional snack (e.g. toast, crackers, breadsticks, pancakes, etc.).

We kindly ask for a voluntary contribution of £1 per week, payable via SchoolMoney. Any leftover funds will go towards purchasing classroom equipment. We are sure Year 1 will have some great ideas for things they would like in their new classroom!

Belongings

While we know children love to bring in small toys, we kindly ask that they leave them at home from next week, as they can be distracting during the day. Rest assured, we have plenty of playthings available in school.

We are really looking forward to this year and working with such a fantastic class. If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to speak to us, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks

Mrs Croft and Mrs Rushton