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17th September 2020

Year 1 Newsletter

We have been so impressed with how the Year 1 children have settled into a new year group with their new teachers, especially after an extended period at home. We are so glad to be back with the children and have loved hearing about all of the wonderful experiences they have had at home with their families over the last few months. Unfortunately, we are not able to hold the 'Meet the Teacher' parent meetings we would usually arrange in the first week of the new school year, so you will find the key information for your child's year group detailed below.

Year 1 Staff

Teachers	TAs
Miss James	Mrs Jones
Miss Weare	Miss O'Reilly
Miss Hulse	

Timetable

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Year 1						
Day	8.30am-9am	9am-9.45am	9.45am – 10.30am	10:45 – 11.45am	12.45pm-1.45pm	1.45pm-2.55pm *(15min Break @ 1.45pm)
Mon	4 Rules	Assembly/Faith in Action	RWI	Maths	RE & Topic	Story
Tue	Fix-it/ Handwriting	Guided Reading	RWI	Maths	RE Worship, Singing (1.15pm to 1.45pm) & Topic.	
Wed	Fix-it/ Handwriting	Guided Reading	RWI	Maths	PPA – Music/ PE/ PSHE/ ICT	
Thu	Fix-it/ Handwriting	Guided Reading	RWI	Maths	RE & Topic	Story
Fri	4 Rules	Assembly	Big Maths	Big Write	PE & Topic Every Week	Story

Topics

This year we have several new exciting topics in Year 1. This half-term we are studying 'Happily Ever After' which is based around fairy tales, with a key focus on Literacy and Drama. It is designed to enable pupils to develop a love of stories, as well as providing a vehicle for communication through creative arts work. Our other topics that we will be studying throughout the year include, 'Come Fly with Me – The Arctic Circle', 'Unity in the Community', 'Jurassic Hunter', 'Powhatan People' and 'Going Wild'. We will be sending a



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WHISK knowledge organiser sheet home at the beginning of every topic which will include more information about that topic. Please look at this sheet with your children at home and discuss the vocabulary included in the sheet together.

For our Happily Ever After topic, we are asking the children to make a fairy tale character from their favourite fairy tale with you at home. They can use any materials they wish to make their character. Please bring the characters in to school by Monday 21st September.

Homework

Unfortunately, we are not able to send out weekly homework at this point due to the current COVID situation. Our main target at this moment is to maintain the smooth running of the school day and we will look at the feasibility of homework, after school clubs etc, once routines are established.

Home Reading

We have organised a new system for home reading books to ensure children are not taking books home that have just been used by another child. All books that children return to school will be placed in a basket which will then be stored away for 48 hours. Please ensure children are reading each night and you have signed their reading records. These should be in school every day and can be used as a means of communication between home and school. In Year 1 children should read 1-2 pages each night and return their book to school every day. Please record which pages your child has read in the reading record provided.

Uniform

Please make sure your child is in their full school uniform each day. If you have not yet collected your child's free jumper and tie, please see the main school office.

A reminder that our school uniform consists of:

- Maroon jumper with school logo
- White shirt
- Maroon striped tie
- Grey skirt or pinafore/trousers
- Black school shoes

PE/PE Kits

PE takes place twice a week for children in KS1. For Year 1, PE will take place on Wednesdays and Fridays. Although we are asking that PE kits are left in school until the October half term for ease of routine, if you do wish to take your child's PE kit home at the end of the week to wash, we simply ask that you ensure it is returned to school for their next PE lesson. Children won't be able to take part in PE unless their kit has been returned to school.

A reminder that our school PE kit consists of:

- Plain sky blue polo shirt,



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- Plain maroon shorts
- Plain maroon or black tracksuit bottoms
- Plain maroon sports jumper
- White sports socks
- Trainers.

General Reminders

- Please make sure your child is only bringing the following items into school – book bag (including reading record and reading book), PE kit, lunchbox and water bottle
- The gates are now open from 8.30am until 9.00am at the start of the day, and 2.45pm until just after 3.00pm at the end of the day, to minimise crowding
- Please ensure there is only one adult collecting your child from the playground
- If your child is bringing in a packed lunch please ensure it is healthy. Please don't include chocolate in your child's lunch.
- If your child requires an inhaler please ensure they have an up to date inhaler in school.

Meeting with teachers

If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher, you will need to wait until all of the other children have been collected at the end of the day. If you do not collect your child from school, please phone the main school office and ask for a phone call or meeting to be arranged. All queries or concerns need to go through the class teacher in the first instance.

Thank You

Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you for following all of the new routines and guidance as we try to navigate our way through the current situation together. We still have lots of exciting things planned for the year in Year 1; however, we do have to be mindful that things may be different and will take some getting used to. Please ensure the office have your most recent contact details and you have access to the Connect Parent App so you are able to stay updated with any changes or upcoming events.

Kind regards,

The Year 1 Team



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