



# Welcome to Year 1!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely time over the summer and we are sure you are now ready to start the new school year, so welcome to Year 1!

We are looking forward to getting to know you and working together so that we have a very exciting and productive year. We hope that you enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 1 has to offer and we hope you have lots of fun too!

## Transition from Reception to Year 1

Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from the Foundation Stage to Key Stage One. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Reception. Learning through play will continue to be an important part of the school day, and the children will gradually be eased into more formal learning as the year goes on so that they remain motivated, enthused and eager learners. Wherever possible, we will try to follow the interests of the children within our learning and we will encourage following up this learning at home. Please don't hesitate to come and see us either before or after school if you have any questions or queries.

Mrs Scott and Mrs Oley☺

## Reading in Year 1

Your child will continue to be given a reading book and their reading diary to bring home on Friday every week. The children will also have lots of opportunities to read and enjoy books throughout the week at school and hopefully at home too. In addition to a reading book the children will be given some spellings each week, which will be informally tested the following week. They will also have a Homework Journal, similar to the one they had in Reception. Please return book bags each **Wednesday** so that we can ensure all books are changed by Friday and are ready to go home at the end of the school week.



## General Reminders

- The children will have **PE on Thursdays**. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school and that all items are clearly labelled. We encourage children to practise getting dressed at home to help them get changed quickly in school!
- Any letters or reply slips, which need to be returned, should be given to the class teacher via your child.
- Please ensure your child brings in a water bottle, which they can access throughout the day. Please make sure it is labelled with your child's name.
- We very much welcome your 50p weekly voluntary contributions towards juice.
- We have a wonderful Outdoor Classroom in Year 1. We hope to be able to use it to enhance our curriculum in all weathers. School have purchased waterproof clothing for all children but could you please send in a pair of named wellies (in a bag) to keep in school?

**Thank you for your continued support as always.**