



14th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 1. We hope you have enjoyed a restful summer holiday and your children have returned refreshed and ready for the exciting year ahead.

The information in this letter is intended to advise and remind you of the expectations in Year 1. We would like to develop a working partnership with you to enable your child to reach their full potential. The Year 1 team are here to help and support you and your child at Templewood School.

Class Teacher – Miss Amy O’Sullivan
Teaching Assistants – Mrs Alison Jordan

Parent Surgery

Please encourage your child to share concerns with us during the school day, as we would try to resolve them immediately, rather than going home with worries. If you have any problems please book an appointment for our Tuesday parent surgery. However small the problem, it is always better to deal with any concerns immediately.

Autumn Term Curriculum Coverage

The following outlines some of the curriculum activities that the children will be working on this term:

Subject	Content
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dinosaurs topic, fiction and non- fiction sentence writing, rhymes, and poems
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Counting to 20 and beyond• Representing and ordering numbers• Addition• Subtraction
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The weather and seasons• Materials
Computing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Logging on and using the computer room
Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weather experts• Self portrait
Design and Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Puppets
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seasons and daily weather
RE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Showing thanks for the wonder of nature• The way light is used as a symbol
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PE skills and working as a team

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gymnastics and dance
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harvest songs, Christmas songs and Music Express
PSHE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and wellbeing

During the Autumn term, Year 1 we will be focusing on Dinosaurs up until half-term. Following this we will be starting work on Traditional Tales, incorporating the National Curriculum through a thematic approach.

Reading

Children are expected to read aloud to an adult every day. This is to be recorded in their Reading Record books which will be checked throughout the week. Our focus in Year 1 is to apply phonics when reading new words. At the same time children will need to hear, share and discuss a wide range of high-quality books to develop a love of reading and broaden their vocabulary.

As much as possible, we will endeavour to change books on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

If you are finding reading at home difficult, or would like some extra support, please don't hesitate to contact me so that we can find a solution to benefit your child.

Spelling

Children will be issued with spellings on a Monday which they must learn for a short quiz on a Friday.

Homework

We will be starting our Learning Logs in January. However, the children will still be able to access Bug Club and Mathletics at home in the meantime. If you require assistance accessing either of these websites at home, please contact the office. We will be teaching the children how to use both of these websites in Computing and Guided Reading this term.

Sweetie

In Year 1 Sweetie will continue to spend the weekend with the children and find out what they get up to at home! Each week a child will take Sweetie home on Friday afternoon with a diary to record their adventures. Please can Sweetie be returned to school on Mondays.

P.E

P.E. lessons will take place on a Tuesday and a Friday this term. The children should bring a white t-shirt and black shorts or jogging bottoms as their kit. If the children do not have their P.E. kit, they will be unable to take an active part in the lesson. If this was to happen on a continuous basis you will receive a reminder letter.

Equipment

Can you please ensure that your child has the following items in school at all times:

- A water bottle
- P.E. kit
- Black shoes to wear indoors
- An art shirt (optional)
- Wellies (optional)

Library

On Thursdays each class has access to the Library to choose a book they wish to take home. This is a great opportunity for children to access a range of texts of their choosing. Please make sure they bring back any borrowed books they wish to change on a Thursday.

Educational Visits/Workshops

Each term we look at the appropriateness of planning educational visits and workshops to support our topic areas. We are hoping to book a Dinosaur workshop for the end of Autumn 1. You will receive further details in the next few weeks.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office to arrange an appointment.

I look forward to working in partnership with you and your child.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Amy O'Sullivan
Year 1 Class Teacher