

# Welcome to Year 1



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Welcome to Year One! This handout will provide you with some information about expectations and routines. If you have any further questions, you know where we are ☺

## **Expectations**

-We follow the school behaviour policy (traffic light system) where all children start the day 'on green' and that is the expected behaviour throughout the day. If a child goes above and beyond (in their work or socially) they may go 'on the gold star' where they will receive 5 dojo/house points. Should they make the wrong choice, they will be warned to rectify that behaviour, or their named peg goes 'on amber', which is a time for the child to reflect and aim to go back to green. Should they continue to make the wrong choice, the child's peg will be placed 'on red' and they lose five minutes play time. More severe behaviours will see the child's name placed on red straight away, such as defiance or violence.

-We have lots of opportunities for rewards with dojo/house points, stickers, certificates and termly treats that we will work towards as a class.

## **Belongings**

-In Year One we are helping the children to become independent and so it is their responsibility to look after their own belongings. In order to help them do this, we would appreciate it if everything is named.

-Children are expected to change their own books independently when they need to. They will be given the opportunity to do so every day. Please let us know if you are having any problems with books as this is the first time they have been given this responsibility.

## **Curriculum**

-You will receive a letter telling you all about the topic at the beginning of each half term. The first one is coming home on Thursday (communications day). This term's topic is all about Rio!

## **Assessment**

-We don't use Tapestry in Year One however the children are still continually assessed. At three checkpoints in the year (Oct/Nov, Feb and June) we assess the children, with the third checkpoint being NFER tests (special booklets) that we use to support our ongoing, regular teacher assessments.

-The phonics screening test is in June. This is a very relaxed 'quiz', in a format that the children will be very used to by that time.

## **Homework**

-The children in Year One have a reading record and a homework book. There is a space for you to sign the reading record weekly. Homework goes out on a Thursday and needs to be returned on the following Tuesday. We will alternate between maths and English based homework.

### **Parent Hub and the Parents Evening System**

-Letters (such as the weekly newsletter) come out via Parent Hub but paper copies of all letters are available from the office.

-Parents evening, clubs and tickets for our performances can all be booked using the Parents Evening System. The office or Miss Temperton can support you with any issues with either of these systems.

### **Farm Kitchen**

-You can order hot lunches online on Tuesdays for the following week.

### **Snacks/water**

-Children in Key Stage One receive free fruit/veg for a morning snack. Unfortunately we have no control over what variety of fruit or vegetables come to school and so if your child doesn't like the snacks on offer, you can send in a snack for them to have as long as it is a piece of fruit/veg.

-Children can access their water bottles at all times during the day, apart from during the lesson input. If your child needs a water bottle, they can be purchased from the office. We would appreciate it if water bottles weren't screw tops as we have fewer spillages with 'sports cap' bottles and the bottles with flick up straws. Children can only drink water in the classroom; they are not allowed to drink juice.

### **P.E.**

-We have P.E. on a Monday (outdoor) and a Friday (indoor). We would appreciate it if all items in the P.E. kit were named.

-Children are not allowed to wear jewellery to school, apart from one pair of stud earrings. The children must be able to take these out on their own for P.E. lessons.

### **Routines**

-At the beginning of the school day, the first bell signals the children to come to line up and say goodbye. You are welcome to stand at the back of the playground to wave them off ☺. On the second bell, the class goes into school.

-If you have a quick message, you can catch us on the playground in the morning before the bell goes. Otherwise, please make an appointment at the office for a longer chat. Mrs Lakins is available on Thursday evenings after school.

If you want to know more about anything mentioned above, all our policies (behaviour, uniform etc) can be found on our website, or feel free to come into the office for a hard copy.

Thank you for your continued support!

The Year One Team