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Infant School: Year 1

Welcome to Year 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a brilliant Summer break and that your children are settling back into routines, ready for the year ahead. The Year 1 team were very excited to begin our year by getting stuck into our Excellence Project by learning the poem 'Seasons' and exploring the themes of the poem through artwork. Our curriculum teaching is now fully underway and children are already demonstrating what they can remember from Reception, and building on this with further knowledge and skills. Please refer to our curriculum map, which is available on our website, for a more detailed breakdown of what we will be learning this term.

- **Weather Appropriate Clothes**- In Year 1 we make good use of the Trim Trail, our scooters and balance bikes and the mound on the back playground. We will access these, when safe to do so, during all weathers. Please ensure your child brings a coat if cold or wet weather is expected. Please also ensure they only bring a small rucksack OR reading wallet, they do not need both, we are very tight on storage space!
- **P.E.** - Although PE is usually on a Tuesday or Thursday, PE days can vary, therefore children should keep their P.E. kit in school at all times. They will be sent home at the end of every half term. Please see the school website for information regarding appropriate P.E. kit.
- **Forest School** - will take place on Thursday on a rota basis. Please see the school website or the newsletter to find out when it is your child's turn. On Forest School days children should come to school in appropriate Forest School clothing and footwear. Wellies can be kept in school.
- **Library slots** - Please encourage your child to pack their library books, on the appropriate day, should they wish to swap them.

Violet – Monday	Poppy – Thursday	Bluebell – Friday	Buttercup - Friday
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Reading is the Gateway

Year 1 is a vitally important time in your child's reading journey, when children learn and embed phonic sounds which support them in becoming strong, fluent readers who can access more of the world around them.

Year 1 children continue to revisit the phonic sounds they learned in Reception, but also learn many more new sounds (Set 3). Children have a daily phonics lesson to learn and embed this knowledge. This is followed up by reading Read Write Inc books which closely match the sounds and red words your child has been taught. If your child is struggling to retain any taught sounds, we may speak to you and ask that you work with your child at home to revise these.

Your child should bring their reading folder, containing their reading books and reading record, into school every day. **We ask that children read at home for a minimum of 10 minutes 3x per week.**

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Please sign your child's reading record to confirm they have read; you may wish to write a comment too, however this is not expected.

Read Write Inc books are changed by the teaching staff every Monday. Coloured book band books can be changed more regularly, if your child has read it to an adult. Children will be provided with opportunities to change this book during the school day.

Whilst in school, children will continue to read with a school adult at least once per week, as well as take part in daily phonics and reading lessons. Children will enjoy listening to stories read aloud, independently choose books to read during 'Reading Together' time, visit our School Library, attend 'Year 1 Reading Assemblies' and meet with Reception/Year 2 classes during 'Reading Buddies' sessions.

Key events in Year 1

<u>Autumn</u>	<u>Spring</u>	<u>Summer</u>
• School Council and Reading Ambassador class votes • Excellence Project • Harvest Celebration at Holy Trinity Church • Children in Need • Parent Phonic Sessions • Multit-skills PE trip • Road Safety Week • Anti-bullying Week • Christmas Celebration at Holy Trinity Church • Christmas Jumper Day • Pantomime visit	• Safer Internet Day • Rocket Building Parent Workshop • Aerospace Bristol trip • World Book Day celebrations • LPF Book Week • I Am Me PSHE Week • Sponsored Scoot • Year 1 Production	• Year 1 Phonic Screening Assessments • Sports Day • Oracy Competition • Weston-super-Mare beach trip • Drumming showcase • Transition to Year 2 activities

Please keep an eye on the school newsletters for more information about upcoming events and important dates. Thank you again for your continued support. We are looking forward to an incredible, fun filled year ahead!

Best wishes,
 Miss Williams (Head of Year 1), Miss Hill, Mrs Kavallares and Miss Anderson