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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome message from the Year 1 team 2024/25

Welcome back to school! We hope that you have all had a wonderful summer and are feeling ready and excited to jump right into Year 1! The Year 1 team have been eagerly waiting for your return to school as we have planned some brilliant, creative and fun challenges for you this year. It is lovely to be able to have you back with us and ready to show off all of the amazing learning you did in Reception ready to take it to the next level this year. We are also looking forward to you sharing all of your ideas to make Year 1 your own! We cannot wait to share new learning experiences with you and celebrate your achievements along the way.

On Tuesday 17th September we will be opening our doors at the end of the day for you to visit the classroom and meet our team.

Staffing

Teachers:

Ash Class - Mrs Forse and Miss Maggs

Birch Class - Miss George

TAs:

Mrs Flagg

Mrs Hurst

Mrs Brookes

This year we will be sending out termly, year group newsletters (in addition to our weekly purple pages) to keep you up to date with our year group news and inform you of our upcoming learning.

Term 1 Learning:

Key Text: The Train Ride

Writing:

- Our focus text this term will be: 'The Train Ride'
- We will focus on writing simple sentences using capital letters and full stops and using our phonic knowledge to independently record our ideas.

Maths:

- Place value
- Addition and subtraction

Phonics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Phase 2 Recap ● Phase 3 Recap ● Phase 4 Recap ● Phase 5 ay, ou, oy, ea 	Science: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Body and Our Senses.
RE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Creation Story 	Art/DT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This term our focus is DT. We will be designing and making a moving storybook.
PSHE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Being Me in My World 	Geography/History: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This term our focus is Geography and we will be learning about weather.
Music: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Senses 	PE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dodgeball ● Multiskills

What will my child need and when?

Forest School

Forest School Session this term:

- Thursday

Children are not required to wear their wellies and all in one waterproofs into school, however these will need to be in their bag for the afternoon session. Please ensure you provide these as we do not have enough spares and it takes a long time to source these from around the school.

For these sessions, it is important that children are dressed in weather-appropriate clothing to remain safe. Each child must have the following items available for each session:

- Long sleeved t-shirt
- Long trousers
- Wellington boots
- Spare pair of socks
- Waterproof trousers and coats
- A hats and pair of gloves (winter months)

Physical Education:

Year 1 children will need their full PE kits in school every Wednesday. Wednesday PE sessions will be taught by sports coaches from Forever Sport.

Children are expected to have an appropriate PE kit, including:

- A purple school PE t-shirt or plain purple t-shirt
- Black shorts, leggings, or joggers
- Trainers and/or daps

Home Learning Expectations

Reading: We encourage children to read on a daily basis, whether this is the school reading book or a book of their choice, recording this in their reading record at least 3 times a week.

There is an expectation that adults listen to the children read so that they can be supported when they are stuck. We strongly welcome parent comments in these journals as this is a great

way to maintain positive attitudes towards reading and home-school contact. Reading journals will be monitored by teaching staff on a weekly basis.

Homework: This year we have launched a school wide homework proforma. Children will receive their homework on a Friday and are expected to complete this by the following Wednesday.

Homework will include a selection of activities for example; phonics, maths, spelling and wider curriculum activities.

In addition to this, children are encouraged to engage with **Doodlemaths and Doodletables** via <https://doodlelearning.com/> for ten minutes each day.

Non-negotiables:

Children are expected to be fully equipped with their book bags containing their reading diary, phonics reading book and water bottle every day - these are to be taken home at the end of every school day. All children are expected to arrive at school each morning wearing the full and correct uniform. School shoes must be worn and uniforms should not be embellished; sandals, trainers, jewellery and cosmetics are not permitted. If they arrive in school without the correct uniform then spares will be provided for the school day.

Please, do not hesitate to come to us with any questions or queries throughout the year!

Many thanks,

Miss George, Miss Maggs and Mrs Forse