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Our First Week in Year 1



Welcome to Year 1! We hope you have all had a good break and are feeling ready for the school year ahead. We have enjoyed getting to know your children this week and look forward to our time with them.

Below are some of the things we have learnt this week. Your child might like to tell you a little more about a few of these:

- Getting around the Year 1 area and routines.
- Learnt about swans and skylarks.
- Practiced our prayers.
- Discussed our school mission statement.
- Talked about our school and classroom rules.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 15th September - You are invited to attend our 'Parent Information Presentation' at 2:30pm. The gates will be opened prior to this. It will be in Skylarks classroom. This meeting is an opportunity for us to share with you an overview for the year ahead and to answer any questions you may have.

Notes for parents

- We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Gunther this term as our trainee teacher. She will be teaching in Skylarks' class.
- **Home Time Arrangement form** – please complete and return an updated form for your child. This will be sent out shortly in your child's book bag.
- **Snacks** - Year 1 have a fruit snack provided from school at morning break. In Year 1 we do not have an afternoon snack so please do not bring snacks in your child's book bag. The exception is 'Free-snack Friday' where the children can bring in their own snack, such as healthy cereal bars. No nuts please. 😊
- Please practise with your child how to hold and use a knife and fork correctly when cutting and eating food. This really helps them to develop their independence at lunch time.
- **PE days & Games days** – please send your child to school wearing their PE kit. Your child will wear it all day:
Swans = Thursdays and Fridays
Skylarks = Wednesdays and Fridays
- **After-school Chelsea Football Club** – If your child is attending this club, please see guidance below:
Skylarks = please bring in football boots, long socks and shin pads (all named) in a bag – they can stay in their PE kit.
Swans = please bring in PE kit, football boots, long socks and shin pads (all named) in a bag. They will get changed at the end of the school day.

Reading expectations in Key Stage 1 (Year 1):

- Make reading part of your daily routine.
- Short sessions – 10 mins a day is ideal.
- Always make reading fun not a chore.
- Talk and discuss the story.
- Read a range of books not just the ones from school.
- You can use the pictures to help read the text.
- Remember to Fred Talk (sound out) any unknown words using phonic sounds.

Homework

Homework in Year 1 includes daily reading, weekly maths and handwriting.

Reading

Read Write Inc.- Children will be reading each day in their RWI lessons. Children will then bring home reading books every 3 days. RWI will be starting on Monday 7th September.

Accelerated Reader- Children who have finished RWI, will progress to reading Accelerated Reader books. Books will be chosen according to the ZPD level and changed regularly. A quiz needs to be completed once the book has been read.

Children's voice – we would love to see what your child thinks about their books. After finishing a book, please encourage them to write a sentence about their book in their Reading Record.

Maths

More information will be shared in the coming weeks.

Handwriting

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Many thanks for all your support.

We wish you a very happy and restful weekend.

The Year 1 Team