



Dear Parents/Carers and children,

Welcome to Year 1! We hope you all had a fantastic summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready for an exciting new school year!

### **General Overview of the Term's Learning**

Here's a brief overview of what to expect this term in Year 1:

- **English:** We will focus on poetry, traditional tales and non-fiction writing. We will be reading the books *The Lost Words*, *Little Red Riding Hood* and *The Ugly Sharkling*, to help us with our learning.
- **Maths:** This term's maths curriculum will include Place Value within 10, Addition and Subtraction within 10 and Shape.
- **Science:** Students will explore Everyday Materials.
- **History/Geography:** Our lessons will focus on the geography of where we live and 'The History of Me'.
- **Art/DT:** This term we will be focusing on spirals in Art and making puppets in DT.
- **Music:** Our lessons will help us learn about time signatures, rhythmic patterns, melodic patterns and improvising and composing music. Our first unit is called 'My Musical Heartbeat'.
- **PE:** In PE, we will be learning the fundamentals of playing games, such as rolling and throwing a ball.
- **Computing:** This term we will look at online safety and how we stay safe online. We will also learn about computing systems and networks.
- **RE:** In RE we will be thinking about what it means to belong to a community and what Christians believe about God.
- **Lifeskills:** This term we will focus on keeping and staying healthy and keeping and staying safe and relationships.

### **PE Day**

Physical activity is a vital part of our students' development. PE day for Year 1 will be on **Mondays** and **Tuesdays**. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days, ready to participate in a variety of sports and fitness activities.

### **Home learning**

This year we are focusing on reading as our required priority homework. Therefore, we request that all children read their school reading book every night and get their reading records signed by a parent/carer/older sibling. Further information on this will be shared at our open afternoon on phonics and reading.

We will be sending home weekly spellings for children to practice from Reception-Year 6, which will be tested weekly (these will be sent soon). We will also be sending home log ins for Times Tables Rock Stars and Maths Whizz for children from Y2-Y6 to continue their maths learning at home. Please note that the spellings and maths home learning will help your child consolidate their in-school learning, however, is not mandatory.

### **Healthy Snacks and Hydration**

We strongly encourage children to bring healthy snacks for break time that will keep them energised and focused throughout the school day. Please remember no nuts or nut products for snacks or in your child's lunchbox. In addition, it is important that children bring a water bottle to school each day. We kindly request that only water is provided in these bottles.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out, or get in contact with the school office.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Ward, Mrs Goldsworthy & Mrs Roadley  
Year 1 teachers