



St Paul's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 1. We are looking forward to getting to know you and working together so that we have a very exciting and productive year. We hope that you enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 1 has to offer!

Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from the Foundation Stage to Key Stage One and therefore we want to make sure that you have all the relevant information you need to know in order to achieve this.

The Year 1 Team

1R Teacher- Miss Randall

1P teacher – Miss Potter



Your Tapestry accounts will be transferred to Year 1, we will be continuing to use Tapestry to track your child's learning. Please continue to log-in when we come back to school in September to see what fun we're having.

Reading Records

Your child will be given a reading record and a reading book, they must bring these into school and home daily. We check and review the reading records daily and ask that you write a comment on your child's reading and where they are in the book. We would recommend listening to your child for 10 minutes, at least 3 times a week. Children are able to change their readings books twice weekly on a Monday and Thursday. Please do not worry if your child is on a different colour level reading book at the start of the new term. Reading levels are reviewed regularly.

In Year 1, there is a greater focus on reading comprehension and inference so once your child has finished their book, please use the opportunity to ask your child some questions about the book they're reading.

P.E

P.E takes place twice a week:

1P & 1R – Monday

1R – Thursday

1P – Friday

All clothing should be labelled to avoid any confusion.

Please report any missing kit to your class teacher



Swimming

Year 1 swimming lesson will take place at Halo during Spring term (a letter will be sent out closer to the time to confirm dates). Please ensure your child comes to school with a towel, goggles, swimming hat and costume/swimming shorts. Earrings must be removed.

Communication

If you have any queries about the daily routine or what your child is learning, then do not hesitate to get in touch. Your child's reading record book can be used for communication between home and school or you can contact us by email.

Clothing

As in Reception, we will be aiming to use the outdoor space available to us as much as possible. With this in mind, please ensure that children bring appropriate clothing into school including a waterproof coat, wellies and/or sun hat according to the weather. Wellies can be left in school.

Forest School

The Forest School sessions will take place every Wednesday afternoon with Miss Randall, who is a qualified, level 3 Forest School practitioner. We will be alternating classes each week to ensure all students have the opportunity to participate.

To ensure the safety and comfort of your children during these outdoor sessions, it is essential that they come prepared with appropriate clothing.

We kindly request that all students bring the following items to school:

- long-sleeved tops and bottoms
- waterproof garments to protect against the elements.
- suitable footwear (wellies or old trainers)

To avoid confusion, we would suggest that all children bring in a Forest School bag, with their kit in to keep on their peg. We will send this kit home at half term and holidays to be washed.

The Forest School programme is designed to foster a sense of adventure and encourage learning through exploration. We believe that this experience will not only be enjoyable but also enriching for their personal and social development.

Drink/ snack

We provide children with a piece of fruit at snack time each morning. Please contact the office if you would like your child to receive milk with their snack.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Year 1 Team

