

Dear Year 1 Parents/Carers,

We would like to wish you and your children a very warm welcome back to school after the summer break. We have an exciting and busy half term planned in Year 1. Here is what your children will be learning:

English – we will be learning 'The Enormous Turnip' and doing activities relating to this traditional tale. The children will also be learning a poem off by heart to perform to the rest of the Infant School.

Phonics – the children will be taught phonics each day within their classes and is a very big focus for Year 1. A workshop for parents will take place on Wednesday 27th September at 9:00-10:00, beginning in the Infant Hall and then into your child's class. It would be fantastic if you could attend in order to see what phonics looks like in Year 1 and how children are taught this subject.

Spelling – your child will be bringing home spellings each week and will then complete a spelling quiz in class each Friday morning. Please practise spellings with your child each day and please feel free to chat to your child's teacher if you have any concerns. There will be hints on how to practise in fun ways on the spelling sheet your child will be bringing home.

Reading – children will have daily guided reading sessions within their classes. Please read with your child each day for at least 10 minutes and record in their reading log. They will be bringing home a 'Rainbow Reading' book, along with an appropriate book to read. Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like any support or advice with reading with your child.

Science – the children will be investigating their senses, which will include food tasting. Please inform your child's teacher of any allergies, intolerances or dietary requirements we are not already aware of. They will also be comparing humans and animals in science and looking at how they have changed from being a baby, for the history focus. Please could your child bring in a named photo of themselves as a baby and a photo of any pets they have to display in the classroom? If they would like to bring in another photo of themselves as a toddler, this would be great too.

Maths – the children will be revising number work for numbers to 20, gaining a secure understanding of the place value of each digit within the number. We will then be moving on to addition and subtraction, as well as recapping and securing areas from the Early Years curriculum.

This year, we would also like to encourage the children to be more independent when coming in to school. Therefore, it would be fantastic if you could drop your child at their classroom door in the morning, where a member of staff will greet them, rather than bringing them into the classroom. Your child's teacher/TA will of course always be available for you to speak to if you need/would like to.

Thank you so much for your support for what we are sure is going to be a fabulous year with your amazing children.

Yours sincerely

The Year 1 Team (Mrs Foster, Mrs Birch, Mrs Allen, Mrs Hotchkiss and Mrs Clayton)