

## **Welcome to Year 1!**

Welcome to Year 1! We are very excited to start our new curriculum with the children.

Our teachers are Mrs Barr (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) and Mrs Jones (Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday).

Our Teaching Assistant is Mrs Salt (Mornings).

We are lucky enough to have Miss Daley joining us for the Autumn and Summer Terms. Miss Daley is a student teacher and will be supporting and teaching throughout the year.

## **READING**

**Reading is high priority in Year 1** and the children will be expected to **read daily at home**.

Children will also take part in daily reading at school using books which match their phonic phase. Please ensure that your child brings their reading book to school **every day**. We have included a list of common exception words and tricky words which children are expected to read on sight by the end of Year 1.

## **PHONICS**

The children will engage in a daily phonics session which is suited to the appropriate phonic phase. We have enclosed sound mats for each phonic phase. Daily sessions are aimed at developing children's segmenting and blending skills which will prepare them for the Phonics Screening check towards the end of Year 1.

## **SPELLINGS**

Children will be given spellings on a Monday through Spelling Shed. They will be taught spelling rules and patterns throughout the week. We ask that children practise and learn these spellings over the week, ready to be tested on a Monday.

## **PE**

PE is taught on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days. Initially PE will take place outside, weather permitting.

## **USEFUL WEBSITES**

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)

[www.snappymaths.com](http://www.snappymaths.com)

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to catch us after school or email us at

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