



Year 1 Autumn 2019



Welcome to Year 1! We hope you have had a lovely time summer holiday and are ready for an exciting term ahead. We will be focusing our learning on All About Me and Childhood in the past this term.

All About Me	Childhood in the past
English: Non Fiction and Fiction texts, Poetry Science: Labelling the body and exploring our senses History: Our families, creating a small family tree. Geography: Where we live UK capital cities and surrounding seas Art: Self Portraits	English: Diary writing, debating, descriptive writing - comparing old and new toys and games. We will watch children's TV programmes from the past. History: Toys past and present DT - designing and making Christmas decorations .

We are more than happy to welcome topic-related things for your child to share with their class. Please make sure it is labelled.

The Year 1 team ☺

Show and Tell

Each week a different group of children will be invited to bring in something to show and tell to the rest of the class. These groups will be organised according to the colour of the chair your child sits on in school. We like children to bring in some work they have done at home or an object they'd like to show.

Reading in Year 1...

Your child has been given a reading book and a planner to bring home every day. They can read a few pages or the whole book if they wish! **When you have heard your child read please indicate the pages they have read and write any comments in their planner. If no indication is made that reading has taken place, we will assume that this book does not need changing.** Books will be changed on **Mondays** and **Fridays**. The children will also have lots of opportunities to read and enjoy books throughout the week at school. They will be reading to teachers individually and taking part in group guided reading sessions.

A Polite Reminder...

We really appreciate parents coming in to support their children in the morning. Please can we remind parents to leave by 9.00am so we can begin our learning.

Little Ted

Over the weekend, one child in each class will bring home 'Little Ted'. Please encourage your child to write about Little Ted's weekend adventure and return him to school on Monday.

The children are encouraged to bring in water bottles to keep in class which they can access throughout the day and they will change their water regularly. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle.

PE - For outdoor sessions, trainers or outdoor shoes will be needed:

1DD and 1CN: Monday (indoors)

1DD and 1CN: Wednesday (outdoors)

- Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school and that **all items are clearly labelled**. As the weather becomes colder we suggest that the children bring in warm jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt/jumper for outside PE. We encourage children to practise getting dressed at home to help them get changed quickly in school!

Spellings

Every Tuesday the children will be given a sound (e.g. ai, ey) and some examples of words containing that sound. These words will appear in your child's spelling test the following Monday. The sound will be put into your child's planner each week. Please practise different words with the sound to help your child consolidate their understanding.

Your child will be given a list of the Year 1 common exception words which they are expected to be able to read and spell by the end of year 1. Please keep practising these throughout the year.

SMIRFs

Please continue to practise your child's SMIRF targets. These will be stuck into your child's planners by the end of week 2. We aim to check these each half term. Please continue to revisit previous targets so they are not forgotten! You can find these on the school website.