

JC/Yr1/jfh

11th September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have all had a fantastic summer! The children have been telling us all about their holiday adventures! The children are settling into Year One really well and are very enthusiastic about their new environment and our new topic 'Alien Invasion'.

We are writing to provide you with some information about Year One.

A typical day in Year One:

There are lots of similarities between Early Years and Year One, such as we have a daily phonics lesson. We have English and Mathematics exploratory lessons every morning that are split up mid morning with a playtime and a snack break. Your child will now share their play time with Year Two.

Lunchtimes will follow the same routine as Early Years. The children will be in our 'Second sitting' and go into the Hall with their class and their own Dinner Lady. Children having either a hot dinner or a packed lunch will sit together on their Class Tables.

In the afternoons, the children take part in a variety of sessions throughout the week such as Topic activities exploring Art, Design, Geography, History and R.E, P.E, ICT and PSHE. The children thoroughly enjoy their topic activities and they will make you many master pieces to enjoy at home! Every child is listened to read, one to one, at least once a week and this same book is the book they use to complete their homework with you.

Morning Activities:

In Year One and Year Two, the children are expected to complete a morning activity with your involvement before the bell rings at 9:00. This activity is a brilliant way for you to hear about the things your child has been taught so far and the children show such pride when they can show you what they have learnt.

Snack and Water bottles:

Now the children are in Year One, they have their snack at playtime. This fruit is provided by the school, however if you would like your child to bring in a piece of fruit from home you are welcome to send fruit in with them.



Children are encouraged to drink water throughout the day. Please help your child to fill their bottle up during the morning activity time.

Volunteers:

We would love to have as many volunteers as possible! This year we will start visiting to the library every third week. We will walk to North End Library where we will listen to a story read to us by the librarian. We will then borrow a book to take home. If you are able to volunteer your time for these upcoming trips to the library we would be extremely grateful. We would also love to have regular volunteers to hear the children read!

Please can we remind you to **name** your child's clothing, so that it can be returned to its rightful owner if it becomes lost!

The children will need a **PE kit**, like in Early Years, with an outside suitable tracksuit and plimsolls, in addition to a shorts and t shirt. Please name these items as well!

If you have any problems or questions, please do not hesitate to come and see any of us so we can help.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Gibbs (Toucans)

Miss Beare and Mrs Hammond (Flamingos)

Miss Bingley and Mrs Tucker (Hummingbirds)