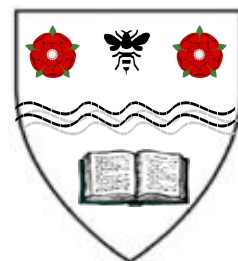


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**"Enjoy learning; aim high!"**

## **Year1- Autumn Term 2011**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year One! There's lots of new and exciting things happening this term. Here's some information about your child's class:

- At 8.50am the door into Year 1 opens - parents are welcome to come inside, look around and assist the children for 'early morning work'/independent reading. Registration is 9am sharp.
- Children are to be collected at 3.20pm at the door to Year 1.
- PE is every Tuesday and Thursday. PE kit is essential- a change of footwear (pumps or trainers), a red t-shirt and black shorts. Kits will be sent home at half terms and holidays to be washed.
- At 10.50am each day the children have 'snack time'- school provides a fruit snack. If you wish your child to have milk at this time please pay for it at the school office. Every child has their own water bottle provided by school that they have access to throughout the day, so a water bottle from home is no longer needed.
- Good behaviour is always encouraged and rewarded in Year 1; the children receive house points and have a 'frog chart' on which they can earn prizes!
- The children choose their own 'home reader' book. The level of this book is supposed to be accessible (not hugely challenging) to the child, so therefore developing their confidence and independence for reading. When you have read with your child please initial or comment in their reading record book and we will send home a new book that day.

### Learning

- This half term our theme is.... 'Would you like to Step Back in Time?!' The children are finding out all about rich and poor children in the Victorian times. The children are designing and making a time machine! We are going to visit Queen Victoria and collect some interesting artefacts from the past! The children are encouraged to make interesting comparisons between then and now.



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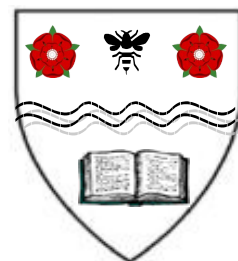
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- After the half term holiday the topic is... 'Knock, Knock, Who's There?!' We will be learning about homes around the world. We will be in touch with a school in India and sharing information about our homes. In November the Year 1 children will be performing an assembly on their 'Knock, Knock, Who's There' theme.

## Literacy:

- Basic skills for reading and writing are being developed during Year 1. We have regular guided reading and writing sessions. Building words by using the 'phonics they know' is the main strategy we encourage for both decoding and writing words.
- Every other Friday we have 'BigTalk for Big Write!' This is an exciting session where the children speak in full sentences, as though it was written down, using a 'posh voice'! This proves to boost writing skills in these early stages.
- The children are also learning about labels, list and captions. They are looking at Non-Fiction texts. After the half term we will study pattern and rhyme and stories from other cultures.

## Numeracy

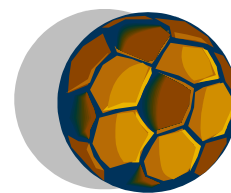
- Basic numeracy skills are being built throughout Year 1. We particularly focus on counting, one more/less, shape and simple addition and subtraction.
- Every other Friday we have 'Challenge Friday'! The children participate in practical problem solving tasks. They are interactive and use talk to generate their answers.

Mrs Mcgwynn and I look forward to meeting you all and are delighted to be working with your children; come and visit our cheerful classroom before or after school any day, pop in for a chat if there is anything we may be able to help you with.

Regards,

Miss Latham- class teacher

Mrs McGwynn- teaching assistant



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