

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to Class 1 We hope you had a relaxing and restful summer break. We are very excited to welcome the children back to school and get started on a fantastic year of learning! The first week in school will be all about settling back at school and focusing on our whole school learning metaphor '*Different Together*' where we will be thinking about how we are all unique and celebrating difference. As the term continues, we will continue with a geography topic with a focus on the United Kingdom, science lessons on the human body and our RE lessons will be exploring the question 'Who made the world?' from a Christian viewpoint. Further information about other subjects can be found on the Class 1 annual overview on the school website.

Staff The full-time staff in Class 1 will be the class teacher Mrs Serle with Mrs Simpson as TA. The TAs Mrs Hunt, Mrs Reed and Mrs Thomas and Mrs Cooper will also be important members of the team at various times across the week.

Snack and Water Please ensure your child has a **named**, refillable water bottle in school every day containing water. This will be accessible throughout the day. A fruit snack is provided for your child but if they would like to bring in a healthy snack they are most welcome to. This must NOT be chocolate, sweets or crisps and MUST NOT contain nuts.

Reading Your children will bring home their first book of Year 1 during this first week. This year book change will be twice a week, on Monday and Thursday, and we will put 1 new book in your child's folder. **Please write the title of the book in your child's diary.** We encourage you to re-read each book at least twice as this helps build language development, word recognition and fluency when reading aloud. It also allows for the discussion of new vocabulary and comprehension of the text. If you have recorded any summer reading, do bring it in so we can celebrate this with them.

We expect you to read with your child every day. When you have read with your child please record this in their reading diary with either a short comment or simply a tick/smiley face. Reading diaries are monitored and we will raise any concerns about your child's reading with you.

PE Class 1 will have PE on **Mondays at 9am** and **Fridays at 10am**. Children must come to school wearing their PE kits on these days. Please clearly label jumpers/hoodies.

Forest School Forest school clothes (long sleeved tops, trousers/leggings and waterproofs) can be worn to school on Forest School days. Named wellies can either be left in school on the racks outside of the classroom, or brought to school in a named bag on the day and taken home again. Our Forest School sessions this term will be on **Wednesday 23rd September** and **Tuesday 20th October**.

Toys Please do not allow your child to bring toys into school. Even if they are left in their bags they can cause a distraction. Lost or damaged toys are very upsetting for the children and is time consuming for the staff. As the year goes on there may be opportunities for bringing special/interesting items in to class to share with others and this will be communicated to you.

Looking ahead Nativity will be on the 10th December with 2 performances (afternoon and evening, timings TBC)

There will be a class trip to Westonbirt on Friday 30th April which last year cost £17 but this year's cost will be confirmed nearer the time.

Communication If you have any concerns or queries, please do come and talk to us at 3:15pm pick up time. Please bear with us as we get to know and recognise you. Alternatively, if you are unable to do this, you can contact the office and we will call you back at a convenient time.

Many thanks for your support and I look forward to getting to know your children and you over the coming weeks.

Mrs Serle 😊

