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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 1 - Owls

We hope you have had a great summer holiday! We are really looking forward to working with our new Year 1 class!

As you may already appreciate, our aim is to make the transition from Reception to Key Stage One as smooth and enjoyable as possible; whilst building upon the independence of each child both academically and socially. We understand that after a summer break, children may take time to adjust to their new class setting and so we will welcome them back to school in as gentle and supportive a manner as possible.

At this time school is going to be as much fun as it would usually be for new academic year groups but we will inevitably have to adapt and make changes to suit the government guidance on school opening as well as ensuring our passion for inspiring learners to enjoy coming to school. At the moment we are again sharing playtimes and lunchtimes with our year 2 friends and this is a welcome return to 'normal' school life!

Below are a list of answers to some questions which you may have and we hope that these help you and your child to feel prepared for year 1! There is lots of information so we hope it is helpful rather than confusing!

Staffing

Ms Butt will be the class teacher on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and Miss Stephens will be the class teacher on Fridays. Mrs Coombe is the class TA and will be in every day. Mr Campbell will teach music once a week as well.

PE

PE will be continuing as usual and we will try to be outside where possible. We do have set PE times but sometimes these can be changed at the last minute so having a PE kit in every day means that we are able to take advantage of any additional opportunities! Please ensure that your child has a NAMED PE kit in school each day, including a pair of trainers. If you wish for your child's trainers to go home for the weekend, then please let us know and we will do our best to send them home with your child. If your child has pierced ears, they must be able to take out earrings on their own as teachers are unable to assist them. If they cannot, they will not be able to take part in PE. Please refer to the uniform policy for details.

Water

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school every day. Learning is thirsty work and it is so convenient for your child if they can have a drink when they need one! Fruit juice or squash is not permitted but feel free to pop a slice of fruit in!

Birthday celebrations

As part of our healthy school approach, we are no longer able to hand out sweets, cakes or gifts to the class from the birthday girl or boy! We will still mark the special of their birthday with a special sticker to go home with.

Play time snack

Year 1 will still receive free government fruit each day from 7th September. We will be eating this in the afternoons as part of story time. Please provide your child with a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable - named or in a named bag/plastic tub and they will eat this at morning break (please cut up grapes)

Milk: Sadly, in Year 1 milk is no longer free and must be ordered through Cool Milk by yourself if you wish for your child to receive it. We are provided with a list of children from Cool Milk who should be receiving milk each day. If your child is on this list, they may choose to drink this at morning break or with their afternoon snack. If you have stopped ordering milk this year, it would be really helpful if you explained this to your child to save any upset at play time - thanks.

Cloakroom:

Due to the limited space in our cloakroom, please limit the use or size of rucksacks. Thank you

Reading Books and Reading Records

Please send your child in with their book bag every day. Reading Diaries are for you to record your child's reading at home and in school adults will check these and use them to communicate with you when your child has progressed to the next book band in reading.

It is really helpful to read with your child every day, if this is possible! Ten minutes' maximum is plenty in order to support their reading progress as it is little and often that counts towards recognition of sounds and to help key words become embedded. Please see the Book Banding letter and booklet for more information on how to help your child at home on the school website. Teachers and TAs will continue to read with your child and share books whilst in school.

Term 1 & 2 RSHE Content for Year One

As we communicated in our Relationships, Health and Sex Education consultation, we will be keeping you regularly informed about content to be taught in the term ahead.

This term, your child will have the following Jigsaw topics:

Term 1	Being Me in My World- feeling special and safe, being part of a class, rights and responsibilities, rewards and feeling proud, consequences, owning the learning charter.
Term 2	Celebrating Difference- similarities and differences, understanding bullying and knowing how to deal with it, making new friends, celebrating the differences in everyone.

The vocabulary used will be:

Term 1	Safe, special, calm Belonging Rights Responsibilities Learning Charter Rewards Proud Consequences Upset Disappointed
Term 2	Similarity/similar Same as Different from /Difference Bullying /Bullying behaviour Deliberate On purpose Unfair Included Bully Bullied Celebration Difference Special Unique

Please see the RHSE curriculum page of our school website for further information.

Home learning:

In year 1 home learning is predominantly reading. It is really helpful to read and share books with your child and chat about what is going on in the text and explore the phonics sounds that are encountered there!

Wow Moments

We will be continuing the WOW! board which was so popular in Reception class. We enjoy seeing and celebrating what children achieve out of school. The completed sheets will be displayed on our WOW! notice board inside the door to our cloakroom. A copy of the WOW sheets will be available on the website (on our year 1 webpage) for you to download and complete at home.

Show and Tell

If your child has an item related to our learning we will endeavour to share these as a class which is a lovely way to extend our topic knowledge!

Spare Clothes and Wellies!

We will be outside as much as possible, please ensure your child has a coat in school, especially as the weather gets colder. Wellies would also be great so we can use them for extra outdoor activities, this is a relatively new thing for Year 1 so please only send wellies in when you have a spare set! Please also ensure they have a spare set of underwear in their PE bags too.

Forest School

Ms Mortimer continues with Forest School in year 1, she will send information about this to you nearer the end of the Autumn term.

Medication

If your child uses an inhaler, please ensure that you bring it to the school office in a named container along with the prescription requirements - please ask the office for a form to complete and sign.

Communication to your class teacher

Please send any communication to the school office and this will be passed on to the class teacher. Any information regarding, absence and changes to pick arrangements **MUST** be sent to the school office please.

Collection at home time

Please ensure that one designated adult is on the playground by 3:05pm to allow us to hand your child across the playground. Please leave as promptly as possible when you have collected all of your children. Many thanks for your help with this.

This information will be reviewed and amended whenever needed and we will inform you as soon as possible. Please feel reassured that we will do our very best to make sure your child has a happy, safe and fun start to the year with us! If you have any other questions about Year 1, please do not hesitate to contact us. We very much hope your child enjoys their learning journey this year!

Best wishes

Ms Butt, Miss Stephens and Mrs Coombe