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Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Guardian.

I hope you have enjoyed a pleasant Summer break and that your child feels refreshed and ready to go! There are just a few pieces of useful information about Year 1 below.

Staffing

This year I will be working alongside Mrs Jean Empson, who is a very experienced TA and has been working in Early Years and Key Stage One with me for a number of years. Another teacher you will be seeing on a regular basis is Mrs Lucie Rowntree .She will be teaching the class on Tuesday mornings, whilst I take my statutory P.P.A. (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) time.

Our Learning

Detailed curriculum content on these can be found in the Thematic Overviews on the website.

First Half Term

- Topic-Why are tigers not like humans?

Second half term

- Topic- Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines
- Christmas

Useful Resources to Support Learning

- Please refer to our class page on our school website for a useful list of educational websites to help your child's learning
- Any books or resources relevant to topics would be gratefully received (borrowed)

Appointments

- On my classroom/cloakroom door you will find an appointment sheet. My days for appointments are Tuesdays. If you would like to see me to discuss your child's progress, please sign up on this sheet, or if it is anything more urgent, then please come and see me at any other convenient time.
- If you wish to contact me through our school email, then my email address is claire.rigden@york.gov.uk. I will check this on a regular basis, but please may I point out that this will not necessarily be on a *daily basis*. Therefore, it is not the best means of communication for urgent matters.

Class Routines

We will shortly be holding our Parents' Welcome meeting, where we will go over the following points with you.

- **PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL, SO IT ESSENTIAL THAT ANY PACKED LUNCHES THE CHILDREN MAY BRING IN DO NOT CONTAIN ANY NUTS OR NUT DERIVATIVES.**

THIS ALSO APPLIES TO ANYTHING BROUGHT INTO THE CLASSROOM, SUCH AS JUNK MODELLING BOXES. PLEASE CHECK ALL PACKAGING LABELS CAREFULLY. THANK YOU

- Your child needs to make sure they come to school with a water bottle. This is filled each day with fresh water. Bottles need to go home on Fridays to be washed. Please could you **refill it** and return each Monday.
- P.E is on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please make sure your child's PE kit is sent in on Mondays. They need indoor plimsolls and outdoor trainers, white t-shirt and black shorts and an outdoor tracksuit (jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt) for cooler weather. Please make sure all items are named clearly.
- The children will bring home reading books every day. It is incredibly beneficial if your child can read at home every day. It doesn't have to be a whole book, in fact it's better if not as year one is all about comprehension and understanding what they have read. Reading a few pages and then discussing them in detail is better. More details about this at the welcome meeting.
- Children will not have homework other than spellings. They will have some to learn each week based on similar sounds and the most common words children have to know in year one. They will be tested on a Tuesday and new spellings sent home for the following week.

Important Dates

Reminders and further details of all these will be sent out via parent-mail

Parents' Welcome evening

The date for this is **Wednesday 14th September** at 6.00pm .Do come along to this adult session if you can, as it will be an invaluable time to discuss with me such things as class routines/ teaching of reading, phonics and mathematics and ways in which to help your child at home.

Church Services, School assemblies, Performances and Party

- Harvest service Festival at St Nicholas Church. Monday 3rd October at 10.00am. You are all welcome to attend. Also on Friday 16th December at 10.00 is our Christmas service in church. Again, you are all very welcome.
- Every Wednesday at 9.10am, the infants hold their Birthday Assembly. This is a lovely occasion where each child who has just had a birthday can talk about how they celebrated his/her 'special day', show us one present, blow out candles and do a little birthday dance with some friends! If it is your child's birthday, you will be sent an invitation to join us for Birthday Assembly on the following week.

I do hope this letter has been helpful and informative. I appreciate that there is a lot to remember, so please do not hesitate in coming to see me with any concerns or questions.

I look forward to a busy and productive term with you all.

With best wishes

Claire Rigden