



Year 1 Class Newsletter

Welcome back after the summer holidays and welcome to KS1. In this newsletter, you will find information about the various topics and activities your child will be studying or taking part in throughout Year One. Please encourage your child to talk to you about what they are learning in school, it will really help them to learn!

The children have all made a fantastic start in Year One and have adapted really well to all of the new rules and routines. We are so impressed! Well done to all of the children.

Each day your child needs to bring to school:

- Reading Book
- Reading Record Book
- Water bottle (water only)
- Book bag
- Homework sent home Friday
- Homework returned by Friday

Reading

In Year One, your child will read once a week with the class teacher and every other week with a TA. They will also take part in daily phonics lessons where they will share a book as part of a guided reading session. The same guided reading book will then be available on Oxford Owl for you to read with your child at home and complete an online quiz. Supporting your child's reading is one of the most valuable things you can do at this age. Regular practise really does make a difference to the speed at which children develop as fluent readers.

We expect the children to read their individual book at least 3 times over the week and complete their guided reading book on Oxford Owl by Friday. New books will be issued on Fridays. Please sign your child's reading record book when they have read at home. If you have any comments, these can be added too. To encourage this, children will receive stickers and prizes for reading at home.

P.E

This half term the children will be learning new game skills and techniques. Mrs Whitaker's class will have P.E on Thursdays and Miss Wallace's class will have P.E on Tuesdays. Please make sure your child's PE kit is in school at all times. Whilst we know that ties and top buttons are tricky, we expect children to get themselves changed, please encourage them to dress independently at home too. Please make sure all uniform including ties are named. PE kits will be sent home at the end of each half term so that they can be washed. Please return PE kits on the first day of the next half term.

Throughout the year, your child will be taught Mathematics and English daily.

Subject	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Maths	Counting to 10 Place Value to 10	Addition and subtraction Shape
English	Fiction Writing simple sentences.	Narrative Non-fiction
Science	Animals including humans.	
Computing	E safety Improving mouse skills and data handling.	
RE/PSHE	Who is a Christian and what do they believe?	Celebrations/ Christmas
Art		Drawing- make your mark
D&T		Mechanisms- making a moving story book.
Geography		Local area- Boothstown
PHSE	Relationships	
Music		Rhythm in the way we walk

Library

We will be starting library shortly. Our library days are Wednesday (1Wh) and Thursday (1Wa), and all children will be choosing a new book. Could you please ensure that library books are returned before or on the following Wednesday (1Wh) and Thursday (1Wa).

Water Bottles

Could we please remind you of the school policy of only allowing water in water bottles. Water bottles can be sent into school every day. Please do not place them inside book bags or rucksacks.

Spelling Shed

All children should now have received usernames and passwords (in blue spelling folders) to access the online spelling shed games. Please encourage your child to practise online ready for their test in school on Friday. We also send a paper copy home in their blue homework folder.

Independence

Book bags and reading records were checked daily in EYFS for all children. In Year 1, we try to encourage independence. If the children have a letter or anything they need to give in, they are

encouraged to get it out themselves and give it to their class teacher. This includes homework and reading books when required. We will remind children about this in class.

Homework

Homework will be given out on Fridays. The children will need to complete one page from their maths booklet and practise their spellings ready to be tested the following Friday. When completed the children can put their homework in the tray in class.

School Website

Throughout the year, we will add photos and information about what the children have been up to in class. This will be linked through our school Twitter account. Here is the link below-

<https://www.st-andrews-worsley.salford.sch.uk/class-pages/>

Allergies

When sending in any snacks, birthday sweets, party food or consuming food within school please be mindful that we have children with severe nut allergies in Year 1.

Morning and home time

In the morning, we ask the children to stand quietly in their class lines. Please can parents stand back from the lines and allow the children to walk into school. Please do not follow the children or stand near the door on the path by the side of Year 1 classrooms. We will continue to bring the children to the infant playground gate at 3:30. Could we please ask that you stand back, away from the gate, to make it easier for all children to see who has come to collect them. If you wish to speak to a member of staff, we will be able to do so at home time or make arrangements to meet more privately if preferred. If anybody different is collecting your child please make sure they know your child's password.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Whitaker and Miss Wallace