



## Year 1 Newsletter

Welcome back after the summer holidays and welcome to Key Stage 1. In this newsletter, you will find information about the various topics and activities your child will be studying or taking part in throughout the autumn term. Please encourage your child to talk to you about what they are learning in school.

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 with yellow reading record
- Water bottle (water only please)
- Book bag
- Maths and spelling homework sent home on Fridays to be returned the following Friday

### Reading

In Year 1, your child will read 1:1 once a week with the class teacher and every other week with a teaching assistant. This will be their take-home 'book bag' book. In addition to this, your child will read a guided reading book daily as part of their phonics lesson. 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 take-home 'book bag' book **at least 3 times** over the week to an adult at home. Children must also read 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 (please only comment on their school book). 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 Brownlee'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 completely independently. Please encourage this at home too. Please make sure all uniform and PE kits 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.

## Our Learning

Throughout the year, your child will be taught mathematics, phonics and English daily. They will also be taught science, computing, RE, art, design and technology, history, geography, PSHE, PE and music. These subjects are taught on a rota over the course of the year.

| Subject   | Autumn 1                                                                                                        | Autumn 2                                                                                                               |
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| Maths     | Place Value to 10<br>Addition and subtraction to 10                                                             | Addition and subtraction to 10<br>Shape                                                                                |
| English   | Fiction<br>Writing words<br>Writing simple sentences<br>Ordering events from a story<br>and retelling<br>Poetry | Fiction<br>Non-fiction<br>Writing facts<br>Writing instructions<br>Descriptions<br>Writing a letter<br>Writing a story |
| Science   | Animals including humans                                                                                        |                                                                                                                        |
| Computing | E safety<br>Improving mouse skills<br>Data handling                                                             |                                                                                                                        |
| RE        | Who is a Christian and what do<br>they believe?                                                                 | The Christmas story<br><br>Why do we give and receive<br>gifts?                                                        |
| Art       |                                                                                                                 | Drawing - make your mark                                                                                               |
| D&T       |                                                                                                                 | Mechanisms- making a moving<br>story book/pictures                                                                     |
| Geography |                                                                                                                 | Local area- Boothstown                                                                                                 |
| PHSE      | Relationships – family and<br>friends<br>Respect<br>Individual liberty<br>Disabilities                          |                                                                                                                        |
| Music     |                                                                                                                 | Rhythm in the way we walk and<br>banana rap<br>Singing<br>Christmas production                                         |
| PE        | Games                                                                                                           | Dance                                                                                                                  |

### **Library**

We will be starting our library service shortly. Children are free to choose a book from our school library to take home. Children can then return their book the following week to swap. We will confirm the days this will happen soon.

### **Water Bottles**

Please send a water bottle to school every day. It is school policy to only have plain water in bottles. Please do not keep them in book bags as they often leak and damage reading books.

### **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.

### **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. Homework will begin on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Independence**

Book bags and reading records were checked daily in EYFS for all children. In Year 1, book bags are not checked by staff. We try to encourage independence so therefore 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.

### **School Website**

Throughout the year, we will add photos and information about what the children have been up to in class. Here is the link to our website: <https://www.st-andrews-worsley.salford.sch.uk/class-pages>

Here is the link to further information about our curriculum: <https://www.st-andrews-worsley.salford.sch.uk/curriculum-information>

### **Allergies**

Please do not send in any nuts or nut-based products into school as part of a packed lunch, after school snack, birthday sweets or party food. We have children at St. Andrew's who have severe nut allergies.

### **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. It can become congested if this happens. We will bring the children to the infant playground gate at 3:30pm. 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.  
Miss Wallace and Mrs Brownlee

