

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to warmly welcome you back to Year 1! We hope you had wonderful and enjoyable summer break!

Below are the topics that we will be studying in our first term together. Please talk with your child about what they will be learning. Perhaps you could visit the library or use the Internet together to do any extra research. Feel free to bring any findings or creations into school to share with us!

Subject	Term 1
Literacy	The children will have daily Read Write Inc sessions to develop their understanding of phonics, comprehension skills and reading. When writing, we will also be looking at understanding full stops, capital letters and basic connectives (and, but, because). We will be retelling stories, writing fact files, describing animals and developing longer sentences.
Numeracy	Understanding of number and place value More than and less than Addition & subtraction Problem solving 2D and 3D shapes
Science	Materials
ICT	Painting & drawing Interactive games
Topic	Toys
R.E.	Christianity
P.S.H.E.	We're all stars!
P.E	"Real PE" (development of physical skills)
Music	Weekly music lessons with Mrs Clifton

Future dates for your diary

8th & 9th November – Parents evening

PE

Children will need a PE kit in school every day. The kit should include a change of t-shirt and shorts and plimsolls. Long hair must be tied back with a hair band. Please can you provide a note if your child is unable to take part in PE.

PE Days

PE days are Monday for Topaz, Tuesday for Sapphire and Friday for Garnet. However, if the weather is nice the children might do PE outside on a different day.

Uniform

Children should be wearing black shoes. We would also like to remind you that necklaces are not part of the school uniform and therefore should not be worn. Nail varnish should also be removed.

Homework

The children should try to read on a daily basis for a short amount of time. Please sign in their reading record book when they have read. This can include any reading books from home as well as school books. School reading books will be changed, if read, on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It is important that your child reads on a regular basis and brings their book bag daily.

The children have additional reading activities set to complete at home on Bug Club (www.bugclub.co.uk). They can also use Mathletics for additional maths activities (<http://www.mathletics.co.uk/>). Log in details will be stuck into your child's home school contact book as soon as we have them.

The children are already settling well into their new routines and we are looking forward to lots of fun activities and learning in Year 1!

If you have any questions or worries, please do not hesitate to use the contact book or we can make an appointment for you to come in and see us.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

The Year One Team