

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Year 1! We hope you have had a nice Autumn break.

Below are the topics that we will be studying in term 2. 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. Please bring any findings or creations into school to share with us – we love extra learning!

Subject	Term 1
English	The children will have daily Read Write Inc sessions to secure their understanding of phonics and spelling and develop their reading skills. When writing, we will be looking at understanding full stops, capital letters, forming letters correctly and basic connectives (and, but, because). We will be retelling stories, writing fact files, writing poems and developing longer sentences.
Mathematics	Addition & subtraction, shapes, Place value, writing numbers in words, ordering numbers, missing number problems, writing numbers correctly and finding more and less.
Science	Seasonal change (Autumn to Winter)
Computing	Electronic cards Interactive games
Topic	Current Events
R.E.	Christianity, Diwali & community
P.S.H.E.	Feel safe
P.E	“Real PE” (development of physical skills)
Music	Weekly singing with Mrs Clifton Winter sounds – instruments

Dates for your diary

19th December – INSET day

3rd January – Term 3 starts

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 hall days are Tuesday but we may use the hall on the other days sometimes.

Uniform

Children should be wearing black shoes. We would also like to remind you that large brightly coloured bows 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 have already settled extremely well into the Year 1 routines and we are looking forward to another fun filled term of learning!

The Gate

From next term will be developing the children's independence walking into classes on their own. Please wait at the gate and allow the children to walk to their classes, staff will be on hand to support children who need it. If you have a message for the class teacher please write it in your child's contact book or leave it with an adult on the gate and they will pass it on.

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