

## **Parent information for starting in Year 1**

Hello!

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your child into Year 1 next week. We thought it might be helpful to explain a few things before they arrive to help them settle and you all know what to expect from Year 1.

### **Things to bring into school:**

- To keep at school
  - PE kit – this should be a t-shirt in your child's house colour, shorts/leggings or jogging bottoms, clean socks and a pair of plimsolls or trainers. These should be stored in a small PE bag. EACH INDIVIDUAL ITEM SHOULD BE NAMED. The children are encouraged to get changed by themselves so have clearly labelled clothes so they what is their own clothing is very helpful. Please leave PE kit in school on their named pegs. We will send the kit home at the end of each half term.
  - A change of underwear/trousers/skirt/socks – NAMED, in case of any toileting accidents. These can be stored in the child's PE Kit. If your child has an accident please replenish these things in their bag.
- To bring in weekly (Set on Friday due in on the following Wednesday)
  - Homework
- To bring in daily
  - Water bottle (NAMED)
  - Reading book.
  - Coat, hat, gloves – as the season requires (NAMED)

### **What to expect on the first day.**

- WATER BOTTLES: placed in the trolleys in the outdoor space, please place your child's named bottle in the trolleys.
- READING BOOKS: placed in the basket in the outdoor area. (We will give these out in the first week of term, after that please pop them in the basket every day.)
- HANG COATS/HATS: On the outdoor named rail.
- PE KITS – hung in the cloakroom.
- LUNCHBOXES – put in library on a trolley once in the classroom.
- LEAVING YOUR CHILDREN – We understand it can be upsetting for us all leaving each other for the first few mornings. Please be encouraged that there will be three of us in the classroom at drop off to help any children that are a little unsettled. Please do leave them with us on the door if they are upset, we find that 99% of times that once you have gone the child calms own and focus' on the tasks they have.
- ACTIVITIES – Each child has been given animal group already, Owl, Fox, Squirrel and Hedgehog. They will find an activity for them to complete in their animal groups for the first few minutes of school whilst everyone arrives. Then we will have the register where they wills it on the carpet. After that we will have phonics and assembly. Break comes next, then English ad Maths. Then lunch and play followed by another curriculum subject and some Child Initiated Learning time. We will finish the day with a story.

- TOILETING – children need to ask to use the toilets but have free use of the facilities at all times.
- AT THE END OF THE DAY – Collect your child from the outdoor area. Please wait for the member of staff to say your child's name and they will come to you.

We hope this helps you have a greater understanding of the running and organisation of Year 1 and helps you all to feel settled ready to enjoy our time together in class.

Please do ask us any questions you may have.

Ms Bunclark and Mrs Buckley