

Dear Parents and Carers of Year One children,

Welcome back to school – we hope you have all had a lovely summer break. The children all seem to have settled well into their new classes and are enjoying the routines and challenges in Year One.

As your children start their new school year, we have put together some information we hope you will find useful. Some of it, you may already be familiar with and some of it may be new. As always though, if you have any concerns or queries, no matter how small, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Reading books and reading logs

Please hear your child read as often as possible – 5 times a week would be ideal. Every time you hear your child read, please record this in the comments section of their reading log. Each time they read to an adult they will receive a Dojo point. When a child reaches 100, 150, 200 Dojo points they will receive a special certificate. Dojos will be updated weekly and the children can see their up to date totals on the class page. Books will be changed weekly in school. The children have daily reading times in class and we will aim to hear each child read once a week.

PE Kits

Please ensure your child has both an indoor PE kit (shorts/t-shirt) and an outdoor PE kit (tracksuit/trainers). These clothes do not have to be any particular colour. Anything suitable for use at school will be fine. We do have set PE days, however it would be useful for PE kits to stay at school and they will be sent home at the end of every half term to be washed. Please could you remove all earrings on PE days where possible, or provide tape for us to cover them up. We are not able to remove earrings on a child's behalf. Also, if children could wear clothes that are easy to take off and put on again this would really help them develop their independence. Of course, we will help anyone who needs us to! Please remember to send in a pair of named socks for girls who may come to school in tights.

Individual class PE days are as follows:

Monday – Rabbit and Fox classes (indoor and outdoor PE)

Tuesday – Squirrel and Hedgehog classes (indoor and outdoor PE)

Wednesday – Owl class (outdoor PE)

Friday – Owl class (indoor PE)

Naming Clothes

Already we have a whole pile of lost property. Please, please name **ALL** clothing, including hats, gloves and shoes.

Weekly Letters

Every Friday your child will bring home a letter with details of what they will be learning the following week. There will also be newsletters and other correspondence. Please check your child's book bag regularly, to avoid missing important information.

As always, we thank you for your support and do speak to your child's teacher, should you have any queries or concerns.

Your sincerely

Jackie Drew

Year 1 leader