

# Welcome to Year One



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to an exciting new school year! In Year One we aim to help your children grow in confidence and understanding so they can become a much more independent learner.

This guide has been put together to provide you with the main information you need to support your child's learning in Year One.

If there is anything you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to come and see us.

We look forward to working together this year.

Kind regards,

Mrs Ives, Miss Lester and Mrs Player (from a distance!)

Year One Teachers

## Our Teachers



**Mrs Ives**

Year One Class Teacher  
(Thursdays and Friday)



**Miss Lester**

Year One Class Teacher  
(Mondays, Tuesdays and  
Wednesdays)



**Mrs Rogers**

Teaching assistant some mornings  
and class teacher on Wednesday  
afternoons.

**Volunteer Helpers:** At the current time, due to COVID-19, we are unable to invite visitors into school. Each year we appreciate any voluntary help you can offer and we will let you know when we are able to invite you back in.

## **Drinks and snacks**

All Year One children are offered a healthy fruit or vegetable snack at school. The children are also allowed to bring in fruit, vegetables and two plain biscuits from home. The children are only allowed to eat their plain biscuits at afternoon break. All children also need to bring in a **labelled** water bottle, which is kept in the classroom and is available to drink from throughout the day. The children are only allowed water in their bottle. If your child brings packed lunches, they will need an additional drink and this can be water, fruit juice or squash.



## **PE**

We normally do indoor PE on a Friday afternoon and outdoor PE on a Tuesday afternoon. **This year we are asking children to come into school wearing their PE kits on their PE days.**

All children with long hair must be able to tie it up on PE days and no jewellery may be worn. **If your child cannot remove their earrings you must provide them with plasters or micropore tape for them to be safely covered.**



## **Home Learning**

At some point in Year 1 your child will come home with an orange homework book. Due to the current restrictions on what can be bought to and from school, we will not be able to send this home just yet. We will still be sending some work home for your child to complete at home. This may be spellings, handwriting or games that you can try together at home. If you are able to, we may ask you to send photos on dojo of your achievements at home.

As we move forward we will start to send home some English and/or maths activities for you to support your child with. This will be stuck into their orange homework book and sent out on a Friday.

**Reading at least 4 times a week:** Reading books will be changed once a week. Your child will be given 2 or 3 books to share with you at home. Your child will have a reading log **that will need to stay at home**. Inside the front cover of your child's reading log is a picture of a jar of marbles. Please colour one marble every time your child reads to you and let us know when all the marbles are coloured. We can then celebrate this achievement in school. If your child has read all of their books from school please encourage them to choose a book from home to read to you. You can still colour a marble for reading books other than school books. We would love to know what extra books your child has been reading and ask you to send us a quick dojo so again, we can celebrate reading in school.

We will change Cabot (red) house team on a Monday, Brunel (blue) on a Tuesday, Wesley (yellow) on a Thursday and Banksy (green) on a Friday. **Please make sure your child has their books on their book changing day.**

## **Online Resources**

**Class Dojo:** I'm sure that most of you are already familiar with Class Dojo. If you are not aware already, it is a fantastically useful tool, where we can share your child's behaviour and achievements day to day.

**If you have not already registered for dojo, please let us know ASAP and we'll sort you out with a log in code.**

**Phonics Play:** This is a fantastic resource with lots of games and activities your child can engage in to support their phonic knowledge (which in turn develops their reading and spelling abilities). The resources are split into phases 2 - 6 so

your child can access resources tailored to their own level of development. To log in visit <http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> and log in with the following details.

Username: stchadsp

Password: phon1x

**ICT Games:** ICT games is a great website that is full of Maths and English games to help develop children's knowledge and understanding. There is no log in required, just visit <http://www.ictgames.com/> and get playing!