



Dear Parents

Welcome to Year 1.

To support the children in their transition into Year 1, we will begin the year by working in a similar way to the Early Years Foundation Stage, through focussed teaching, small group follow up work and Child Initiated Learning, before moving on to a more formal timetable with all of the children working at the same time. When we are up and running you will receive a preview learning note each week in your child's reading diary, stating what we are focussing on in Maths, English and Phonics the following week.

I thought you would find the following information helpful.

**Phonics:**

We will begin Phonics sessions soon. This will start by recapping previous sounds and then moving on to alternative ways of making the same sound (for example ai and ay). The children will complete two phonics sheets per week. Part of these sheets will be completed in school. Please can you support your child in completing the last section which involves writing a sentence using a word or words with the focus sound, and drawing a picture to accompany it.

**Reading Books:**

Reading books will be changed every day if your child has read and is confident with the book. Please continue to hear your child read at home as this is so important with their progress. Later on this term we will begin Guided Reading. This will involve the children reading in small groups with myself or Mrs Whittaker allowing us to support the children in reading a variety of texts, and discussing key elements of the story. Follow up work involves the children completing comprehension activities to develop their understanding of what they have read.

**PE:**

The children will have their usual PE session on Tuesdays, however there is no need for your child to come into school in their PE kit, as we will be having a later PE slot and so the children can get changed at school. If you know that your child struggles with changing, or doing up shoe laces please practice this at home. We will also be having an additional PE session on Thursday afternoons. Please can you ensure that your child's PE kit remains in school all week.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to myself or Mrs Whittaker.

Kind Regards

Mrs Clifford  
Year 1 Class Teacher