

## Welcome to Year 1

My name is Miss Kentish and I am very pleased to be your child's Year 1 teacher this year.

This newsletter will give you a little more detail about day to day routines and the curriculum in Year One.

### Staffing:

Miss Kentish: Class Teacher

Mrs Howarth: Teaching Assistant

Mrs Spencer: Teaching Assistant (Monday and Thursday)

Mrs. Hughes: Will be teaching Year One on a Thursday afternoon.

### Day to day:

Water helps our brains to work hard and it is important that the children stay hydrated. For this purpose, we encourage the children to bring a named water bottle in each day. These are kept inside the classroom so that they can be easily accessed and so that the children can take regular drinks throughout the day. If your child prefers flavoured drinks, please add some chopped fruit or veg (e.g lemon, orange, cucumber) to their bottle. Your child may bring in / will be provided with a healthy snack for morning break-time. Please send their snack in a plastic tub that will fit into their coat pocket. The school council have agreed that snacks should be fresh fruit or vegetables. They were concerned that cereal bars and processed foods are often high in sugar and/or covered in chocolate.

P.E. will be on a Tuesday and a Wednesday. Please send your child to school in their P.E. kit on a Tuesday and a Wednesday. As the weather gets colder, the children will need plain black tracksuit trousers or leggings and a black sweatshirt over their PE t-shirt. Children should not be wearing earrings for school because it is not safe to do so. If the wearing of earrings is unavoidable and this has been agreed to by the school, please can parents provide plasters or surgical tape to cover earrings for P.E. lessons. Trainers are more suitable than pumps for outdoor P.E.

Your child will need to have their reading book in school every day. We will change these when we feel they are able to read it fluently and show a good level of understanding. We encourage parents/guardians to read books more than once (2/3 times) to build fluency and independence. It is very important that your child reads as often as is possible and we strongly encourage you to read with your child every day, or as often as possible. Practise really does make perfect when it comes to reading!

Your child will be learning outside regularly and will need to have named wellington boots/ sturdy outdoor footwear (in addition to school shoes) in school every day. Please ensure your child has a coat in school each day.

To help us return lost property to the rightful owner, please name every item of clothing clearly.

### Curriculum:

Our first topic in Year One is 'Penguins, Possums and Pigs'. In English our learning will be based around stories by the same author and we will be working hard to improve writing a sentence and our spelling. In maths, we will be working on improving our understanding of place value. In Topic, we will learn about the 'Continents and Oceans' with a focus on naming the continents. In Science, we will be learning about 'Animals Including Humans'.

Further details of the curriculum will be posted on the relevant page on the school website; keep checking it for updates.

Reading and Number practice should be completed daily.

Spelling assignments will be posted on Spelling Shed. The link for this is on the Homework Hub. Your child's log in details are stuck into their reading record. Please note that these may be different to last year.

Mental maths activities will be posted on Sumdog. Your child's log in details are stuck into their reading record. To access it please go to [www.sumdog.com](http://www.sumdog.com)

Knowledge organisers will be used to support learning across the curriculum. Please help your child to learn the relevant facts.

Queries and concerns:

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child.

Contact details are as follows:

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