

## Welcome to Year One

**Class Teachers:** Miss Hopkins and Mrs Stevens

Welcome to Year One, we are looking forward to the start of a new school year and sharing all the great learning experiences we have in store for your child! Keeping you as parents/carers involved in your child's learning is very important to us, so we would like to share some important information with you in advance of September:

### Year One Day

- School begins at 8.45am and ends at 3.15pm – please aim to have your child ready to enter the school building at 8.45am promptly as we will be starting lessons every day at 8.50am.
- Morning playtime is 10.30am – 10.45am
- Lunchtime is 12.00pm – 1.00pm - the specific time the children eat changes slightly each day, based on a weekly rota
- Afternoon playtime is 2.20pm – 2.30pm

### Practicalities

- Children are provided with a fruit or vegetable snack for playtime each day
- Children in Year 1 are still eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals entitlement. You are of course welcome to send your child in with a packed lunch (please remember nothing in these should include nuts).
- PE should be in school every day. They will be sent home at the end of each half term to be washed and then returned the following half term
- Uniform remains the same as last year – [full guidance on this can be found here](#)

### Reading

- Your child will read with an adult at least once per week, as part of targeted 1:1 reading or in Guided Reading sessions
- Two individual reading books will be taken home: 1 decodable book (containing graphemes and phonemes they have been taught in their phonics lessons) and 1 challenge book (which they may require support in reading).
- Books will be changed on a Monday and a Thursday with adult support – please encourage your child to hand their reading books in on these days if they require changing
- Please comment in your child's Reading Record when you have read with your child
- Your child's Reading books and Reading Record should be brought into school each day
- Your child will take part in Guided Reading throughout the week
- Each child has access to a Library book which they can change during their weekly session

### Home Learning

- Home Learning is set on a Wednesday and handed in by the following Monday

- The purpose of Home Learning is to consolidate and extend prior learning
- Children should be able to complete tasks mostly independently after explanation
- Home Learning tasks will alternate between Maths/Arithmetic and English/Reading Comprehension
- Any concerns regarding Home Learning should be shared with the Class Teachers
- Other online platforms are available for the children to use either as part of the weekly Home Learning or as additional resources to further embed learning from in school. In Year 1 this includes Spelling Shed. Logins can be found in the front of the children's Reading Records

### Home School Communication

- Class Teachers should always be your first point of contact
- We do not share personal email addresses but if you would like to speak to any of the team we are always happy to arrange a time for this via [admin@gorseybank.org.uk](mailto:admin@gorseybank.org.uk)
- One member of the team will be available on the door every morning and both class teachers at home time, any messages will be shared with relevant members of the team
- Feedback can be shared with PTA/Parent Council Reps and Parent Governors
- Parents' Evenings happen in October and March, and Learning Review Meetings in July
- The Annual Planner has key dates a year in advance
- The Gorsey Weekly and Twitter has more up-to-date information and any changes (our Tweets can be viewed on our website page (see below) for any parents not using Twitter)

### Collection Arrangements

- The children will leave school from the Year 1 door at home time, and will remain at the door until they see someone who has come to collect them
- Please let your child's Class Teacher know if there is any change in collection, this can be done on the door or through contacting the school office

### Year 1 Highlights...

- Forest School
- Nativity
- Year group assembly
- Educational visits throughout the year
- Author visits (virtual and in person)
- Science investigations
- Opportunities to learn outside the classroom
- Practical, hands-on learning



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Or our year group page:

<https://www.gorseybank.org.uk/year-groups/year-1/>