

Welcome to Year One - 'St Joseph'

Dear Parent,

Welcome to the Autumn Term!

We hope you have all enjoyed a good summer and are ready for our first academic term. We would like to remind you of the following information which will support your child's learning in Year One as this is a really important year for them. We will also continue to use Class Dojo as our main method of communication, so please keep an eye out for news and useful information on our School and Class Pages as well as direct messages when face to face communication isn't possible.



The Team

Ms Green is the class teacher Tuesday to Friday and Mrs Walker teaches the class every Monday. Mrs Cappa, Miss Arthur and Mrs Szabo complete the team, assisting in class every day. If you are interested in volunteer work, hearing children read or helping to prepare resources or displays, we would welcome you to join us, so please get in touch!

Homework

Daily homework will consist of:

- Reading (see below)
- A phonics activity (set via Class Dojo) - these replace spellings this year and aim to support your child's secure progression in phonics
- Word pot/high frequency words practice - developing your child's blending skills and sight vocabulary
- Number bonds practice (recall of additions and subtractions within five and then ten this term)

Children can upload their homework and/or Word Pot videos to their Class Dojo portfolios when completed. Each term, we will also send home details of a longer homework project linked to our learning in class. Please let us know if you would like any support or advice regarding homework.

Reading

Children are encouraged to **reread each of their books at least three times across the week** to help build fluency and understanding. Talking about their reading will also help to develop their comprehension skills. Children may then go on to read their own books to help foster an enjoyment of reading. Please record all reading using the GoRead App. This is checked weekly and reading books are changed accordingly.

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Your child should bring their red book bag to school every day so that they can be heard read regularly in school too. **Due to very limited space, we cannot accommodate large bags or rucksacks.** A zip wallet or red school book bag is sufficient to carry reading books and letters. Children should carry their water bottle (and lunchbox) separately, to be placed in the boxes provided as they enter the classroom.

P.E. and Outdoor Learning

P.E. is timetabled on Tuesdays and Fridays. Mr Foot is a professional Sports Coach from Signature Sports. He teaches P.E. every Friday afternoon. On Tuesdays and Fridays, your child will need to wear their P.E. kits into school (white shorts, red polo top and black plimsolls). **It is really important that all pieces of uniform, not just P.E. kits but school jumpers etc. too, are labelled clearly with your child's name. For your child's safety it is also highly important that long hair is tied back and that no earrings are worn on P.E. days. If for any reason earrings cannot be removed, you will need to provide your child with tape or plasters that can cover them instead.**

We will be doing Forest School and outdoor learning in some areas of the curriculum. A message will be sent via Class Dojo giving notice when additional outdoor clothing is required but **suitable warm and/or waterproof coats should be worn every day throughout the Autumn Term.** Wellingtons can be stored on the pegs provided outside the classroom.

Children should bring a water bottle to school every day. **Juice/squash is NOT allowed in class.**

Further curriculum information

Please see the curriculum map attached for more details on your child's learning journey throughout this year. You can also find this online on our school website. Our class gallery is updated most weeks too, so please take a look. If you have any questions about the curriculum, or just want to come in and see what we've been doing, do let us know. We are available most days after all of the children have been collected or message us directly via Class Dojo.

We look forward to seeing you soon and, in the future, once again welcoming you into school to join in some of the activities we have planned for your children. Until then, take care and stay safe.

Warm regards,

Ms Green, Mrs Walker

and the Year One Team