**PE**

Our PE days this term are Tuesday and Thursday. PE kits must be bought into school on a Monday and can go home on a Friday to be washed. Please make sure that all items of clothing are named and also your child’s PE bag.

We are very pleased with how well the children have settled and are looking forward to continuing to work with you and your children this year. I can tell they are going to really enjoy Year One!

Please just ask if you have any questions.

Miss Boe and Mrs Gamsby

**Homework**

Each week, children will be given English and maths homework. This will be a mix of paper based and online activities. Look out for more information coming soon. **If you are unable to access online activities please let us know.** The children are also expected to read their reading book at least 3 times a week.

**Meet the Teacher**

Come and meet your child’s teacher on Thursday 15th September. Further information coming soon.

**Phonics Meeting**

A meeting about phonics for the children in Year 1 will be held on Thursday 29th September at 4.00pm.

**Reading Books**

Reading books will be sent out on a Monday and must be returned by the following Monday. Children will then be given a new book for the week. Each week, your child will be given one book. Please let us know in reading records how much your child has read and what page they are up to. This will help us when reading in school and comments in reading records on your child’s reading can help us when checking reading progress.

**Art and Design Technology**

In art we will be looking at how the artists Paul Klee and Monet use colour and shapes in their work. We will be exploring colour mixing and using thick and thin brushes in our artwork. In design technology we will design and make a moving picture.

**Computing**

In computing we will practise logging on to a computer/laptop and use the keyboard to type simple text. We will use the mouse or track pad to develop our control of what is happening on the screen.

**Music**

We will be learning about classical music and finding out about the role of a compose. We will explore the difference between high pitch and low pitch, listening to and mirroring sounds.

**Maths**

We will continue to practise counting this term. We will learn about the value of numbers and will be looking at different ways to make amounts. We will also use our understanding of numbers to add and subtract. We will do lots of sorting objects and will explain how we sorted them. We will learn about 2D and 3D shapes. You could help your child spot these shapes when you are out and about.

We will continue to complete our daily dashboard each day and talk about the date. We will also learn how to write the date in number form.

**English**

We will have lots of practise of speaking in full sentences and then writing these sentences. We are going to spend time telling each other stories and looking at fiction and non-fiction books. We have lots of writing resources and the children will be given the opportunity to write in all areas of the classroom, such as the construction area and role play area.

Phonics will happen every day. We will be using our phonic knowledge to help us to spell words and write sentences. The children will be working hard to make sure their letters sit on the line and will be encouraged to remember where we need to use full stops and capital letters.

**Welcome to Year One**

The children have had a brilliant start to the year. We are proud of how well they have settled – especially after such a long time off. They have a wonderful attitude to learning new things and are very pleased to be back in the classroom. This term our topic is Marvellous Me.

**Science**

During science, we will learn about The Human Body. We will learn the names of different body parts and learn about why we have them and how we use them. We will think about how to stay healthy. We will further explore the 5 senses. We will also look at materials around us and the properties of these materials.

**Geography and History**

Through these subjects we will look at Spennymoor. We will talk about what we notice about the local area and learn about human and physical features. The children will be introduced to maps. We will look at Spennymoor in the past, toys in the past and homes of the past. Please have a chat to your children about the toys you used to play with as a child. This would be really helpful.

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