



12th September 18

Dear Parents,

Following our Meet the Parents evening, I have put together a quick summary of the key information you will need for the beginning of Year One.

Firstly, I would like to say well done to all the children. It's a big step up from Reception, and they have all made a fantastic start. The step up to Key Stage One means we are getting used to working as a whole class, with small amounts of time in the afternoons and Friday left for golden time and free play. I hope they aren't too tired in the evenings!

Reading

Books will be changed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and Mrs Kelly will continue reading the children individually on Wednesdays and Fridays. At home, little and often is best.

We will also be starting guided reading once a week. The children will work in small groups, reading to myself and Mrs Robinson. We will spend time assessing comprehension and decoding skills as appropriate.

Phonics

We have been conducting phonics assessments this week, and will use this to inform our phonics groups for the rest of the term.

This year we are using a new phonics scheme, which has had excellent results locally. Mr Ellacote and I will be holding a separate meeting to explain this further shortly.

Spelling lists have gone home and will be tested on a Friday. Do let me know if you need another copy of this.

P.E

P.E will be taken by Mrs Heneghan on a Wednesday afternoon, but please can kit be in school every day.

At Home

As above, reading little and often is best, and the same for practicing spelling.

The children also have English and Maths homework books. We will send these home Friday, and the indicated page will be relevant to something we have learnt this week.

Finally, any chance to take learning into the real world is fantastic. Children might enjoy activities such helping you write a shopping list, or reading the numbers in a recipe!

If you have any further questions, do feel free to contact me. I will be in the playground after school every day except Wednesday, or if you would like a longer chat, please contact Mrs McCarthy in the office to arrange a meeting.

Kind regards,

Maud Ryder