

# Welcome to Year One!

Welcome to Year One Everyone, I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday. (It seems ages ago now, after only four days back at school!) We have had such a lovely few days settling into Year One life so far and I am really looking forward to the weeks and months ahead! Fingers crossed!

Every one of your children have been fabulous; especially as they are having to get used to the more formal side of working too, which I know isn't easy..

This half term we are concentrating on settling everyone in to our Year One routines and all the different areas where we can play and learn. We will also be revising lots of letter sounds from Reception and learning new ones along with reading repetitive stories like 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear What do you see?'

## A few things you'll need to know about Year One:-

- Please ensure your child brings their school bag EVERY DAY with their reading book inside! I sent home some reading books with your children last week but if your child didn't get one, I'm sorry it's because their bag hasn't been in school. Please make sure they bring their bag.
- Reading books will be changed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, when your child's diary has been signed, please don't feel you have to write a comment, just a signature is fine, if you prefer. Please try to hear your child read as much as possible; just 5 minutes a day can honestly make such a difference. I am currently completing some assessments to ensure your child is on the correct reading level over the following weeks, please don't panic if your child goes back a level, this is quite common after the summer holidays.
- Our P.E. days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays so please ensure your child has their PE kit in school from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> at the very latest, otherwise they will not be able to take part in our lessons. They need their kit in a PE bag which can be kept on their coat hook for the half term. Please be aware some of our lessons are outside and inside. The school PE kit is: trainers/pumps, black tracksuit bottoms/leggings or black shorts, a white t-shirt and a school hoodie/cardigan/jumper. (If you haven't got the hoodie from Whittaker's, don't panic, their usual school jumper/ cardigan is fine to use instead).  
IF POSSIBLE, STUD EARRINGS MUST BE TAKEN OUT ON THESE DAYS PLEASE, if not, cover the earrings with plasters before your child comes to school.
- Please feel free to send your child in with a water bottle with their name written on.
- Homework tasks and Spellings/ Maths facts- please look out for the green and white Spelling/ Maths book and your child's yellow Homework book in their bags, which I will send in a few weeks' time; there will be an explanation of what to complete but if you're unsure please don't hesitate to ask me.
- We'll be starting to visit our Infant Library in a couple of weeks, this is on a Monday, your child will visit our school infant library and bring a book of their choice home (don't worry if it's one which is far too hard for them to read). Library books are intended to promote a love of reading so it will probably be a book which has to be read to them by an adult or older sibling. Your child will need to return their library book the following Monday so they can receive a new one.

## A Superb Start!

It really has been a lovely start to the new school year this last few days, everyone is dealing with being back to school and the transition up to Year One beautifully, (not many tears at all-AMAZING!) I know it is quite different in Year 1 but Mrs Tones has told me how brilliant you all are and you are proving her right! Don't worry if you feel a bit tired and teary over the next couple of weeks; it is perfectly normal; I will be feeling the same too! ☺

Please remember if there is anything at all don't hesitate to leave a message with the office and I can always ring you at break/lunch.

Many thanks,

Mrs Holden, Miss Ferguson and Miss Moraru

P.S. Please have a look on our Year One Class Page at [www.griffinparkprimary.co.uk](http://www.griffinparkprimary.co.uk) if you have access to the internet at home, as I have put some photos of your children on working very hard!