

Class New Letter - Year 1

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We hope you have had a lovely time over the summer and we are sure you are now ready to start the new school year, so welcome to Year 1!

We are looking forward to getting to know you and working together so that we have a very exciting and productive year. We hope that you enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 1 has to offer!

Transition from Reception to Year 1

Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from the Foundation Stage to Key Stage One. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Reception. Learning through play will continue to be an important part of the school day, and the children will gradually be eased into more formal learning as the year goes on so that they remain motivated, enthused and eager learners. Please don't hesitate to come and see the Picasso team either before or after school if you have any questions or queries. For a more in depth discussion please pop in after school.

Reading in Year 1...

Your child will be given a reading record and a book to bring home and read with you at home. This book should be in school **every day**. We will be providing the children with lots of opportunities to read and enjoy books throughout the week at school. We recommend that you try to read with your child for at least 5 minutes a day in order for them to progress throughout the year, not only in reading but also in many curriculum areas.



Homework

We place great value on reading and so ask you to join us in sharing books with your child. It is important that both the books they bring home and those from home form a daily part of their reading experiences. Studies have shown that reading stories to children, even when they reach year 6, can have an amazing impact on their written language. Research has also shown the benefit of rereading books to develop fluency and expression so please join us in encouraging this. Talking about the book, discussing the pictures and making predictions are all valuable activities.

Other types of homework will be given out on Thursday for returning the following Tuesday. Homework will include Maths, Literacy and Theme activities.

We will hand out spellings every Monday for a test the following Monday.

General

- Sometimes children may need extra clothes to change into.. Please ensure your child has their PE kit and any spare clothes they may need in school and that all items are clearly labelled. All school uniform including coats should be clearly labelled.
- The children will need their own water bottle to bring to school **every day**. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle. It is really important that these are taken home each day and returned clean and full the next morning.
- Please, for your child's safety, can you ensure that shoulder length hair is tied back and that only stud earrings are worn. Stud earrings will need to be covered with tape for PE or if you prefer your child could leave their earrings at home on PE days.
- Forest school will be once a fortnight on a Tuesday and the children will require old clothes and wellington boots