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Year 1 Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 1! We have been delighted by the children's enthusiastic start to the new school year and are very proud of how well they have settled into their new classes.

Moving from Reception into Year 1 is an important transition. The children are becoming familiar with a more structured school day, including longer periods of whole-class teaching and more focused learning activities. They have responded extremely well and are already showing growing confidence, independence and maturity.

We are pleased to introduce the Year 1 teaching team:

Dolphin – Mr Miah
Seahorse – Mrs Begum
Turtle – Miss Bohm

We greatly value parental involvement and look forward to working in partnership with you. If you would like a longer or more private conversation with your child's class teacher, please arrange an appointment through the school office. For a brief question or message, teachers are available at the end of the school day.

Attendance

Regular attendance is essential because it supports children's learning, progress and sense of belonging. Even short absences can result in missed learning opportunities.

If your child has only a minor ailment, such as a slight cold, and is otherwise well enough to attend, please send them to school. We will care for them and contact you if they become unwell during the day. Please continue to follow the school's illness and absence guidance.

Uniform

The children look very smart in their school uniforms, and we appreciate your support in maintaining these high standards.

Please remember that the school uniform consists of grey trousers or a grey skirt, a white shirt, a red school jumper or cardigan, and sensible black shoes. Headscarves should be plain and black, white or red.

As the weather becomes cooler, please provide your child with a suitable warm, waterproof coat for breaktimes and lunchtimes. Children should also bring a named water bottle to school each day, particularly on PE days.

Please ensure that all clothing, footwear and belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

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PE

PE days vary between the Year 1 classes. On their designated PE day, children should come to school wearing their PE kit.

The PE kit consists of:

- A plain white T-shirt
- Plain black shorts or jogging bottoms
- A black hoodie or jumper for outdoor PE
- Trainers

Trainers should be worn only on PE days and not with the usual school uniform. For health and safety reasons, earrings and watches must be removed for PE lessons, and long hair must be tied back.

Supporting Your Child at Home

As children settle into Year 1, your support at home will help them become increasingly confident and independent learners. Reading remains central to everything we do in school. Children will receive two phonics books and a library book and are expected to read at home every day, with a focus on developing accuracy, expression and fluency.

You can also support your child by encouraging them to complete simple tasks independently, such as organising their belongings, getting dressed, recognising their full name and talking about what they have learned at school. Short, regular activities are most effective and will help your child adjust confidently to the expectations of Year 1.

Communication

We will continue to use ClassDojo to share important messages, dates and photographs of the children's learning. Please log in as soon as possible and let us know if you experience any difficulties accessing it.

We look forward to working with you throughout the year. Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning and development.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs West
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