

# Welcome to year one!



We are so excited to welcome you into your first term in year one! During the first two weeks of term, as we get to know the children, we will be learning about badgers and owls. During the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> September we will begin our topic... dinosaurs! We will be thinking about the question: "which dinosaur would make the best pet?" Get ready to be bombarded by dinosaur facts! But shhh... don't tell the children yet as it will be a surprise!

## Term 1 Dates for your diary:

Mon 6th Sept- Year 1 Welcome Evening  
Drop-ins (6:00-7:00pm)

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Oct- individual photos

Tues 12th + Thurs 14th Oct - Parents  
Consultations

Weds 20th Oct - End of Term

## Creative Curriculum - Dinosaurs!

This topic presents many opportunities for writing, history, science and creativity. In history we will be learning about the famous fossil hunter Mary Anning. We will also be sorting dinosaurs according to different criteria and investigating whether they are a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore by looking at their poo!

Please label all items  
of clothing and water  
bottles!

## English

In English we will be looking at non-fiction texts and creating our own information pages about dinosaurs. We will also be reciting and performing some dinosaur poems and writing lists and labels.

## Maths

In maths we will be focusing on number, place value, addition and subtraction.

Maths vocabulary:

More, less, fewer, greater, the same as, equal to, add, take away, subtract, parts, whole.



## PE

PE will be twice a week, on a Tuesday and a Thursday. On Tuesdays this term PE will be dance and will be taught by the class teacher. On Thursdays PE will be focusing on the skills of rolling a ball with Mr Kiely.

Your child ought to come into school in their PE kit on those days. Your child will need exactly the same PE kit as they wore in Foundation (trainers, t-shirt, jumper and jogging bottoms/shorts). If your child has long hair, please ensure it is tied up.



## Wellies!

We do not keep wellies in school in year one, but instead will let you know in advance if we are planning a welly walk. Wellies can then be brought in on the day they are required. If there were any wellies left in school from last year, we will make sure that they are sent home this week.

## *Supporting your child at home*

You can play a significant part in your child's learning by supporting them at home. These are the areas where we particularly need your help:

- **Listening to your child read every day when possible.** Our book swap day is Friday, so please make sure that reading books are returned each week so that we are able to issue new ones. We have already sent home the first lot of books along with a reading log. This is for you to log any reading that has happened at home. Additionally, class teachers will be reading with your child 1:1 within the first full week.
- **Counting forwards and backwards from any number.**
- **Helping your child learn their spellings - more information to follow.**
- **Sharing a bed time story.**
- **Practising number facts with your child using Numbots - more information to follow!**



*We can't wait to get stuck into a fantastic year of fun and learning with your child!*

*Thank you for your support so far,  
Mrs Abbott and Mrs Squire x*

