



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another school year; we hope you have all had a wonderful summer break. The children all appear to have enjoyed their first few days and are beginning to settle well into their new classes and routines.

If at any time during the year you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see either your child's class teacher or myself.

Please check our year group pages on the school website for important information, letters and photographs.

Key Stage 1 Team

Mrs Eckley-Gardner – Assistant Head and English Coordinator

Mrs Hough - SENCO

Mr Grant – Maths Coordinator

1R – Mrs Rutterford (Monday-Thursday) and Mrs Poyner (Friday) supported by Mrs Newman

1H – Miss Nash (Monday-Thursday AM) and Miss Powell (Thursday PM and Friday) supported by Ms Bullock

1F – Miss Forrest supported by Mrs Robinson (PPA cover: Mrs Poyner will teach on a Monday)

2EGS – Mrs Eckley-Gardner (Wednesday-Friday) and Mrs South (Monday and Tuesday) supported by Miss Burrows

2G – Mr Grant supported by Mrs Chandler (PPA and management cover: Mrs Poyner will teach on a Tuesday)

2E – Miss Evans supported by Mrs Williams (PPA cover: Mrs South will teach every other Wednesday)

Topic

Our topic for the first half term is 'What was it like 150 years ago?' focusing on Victorian times and toys from the past.

The children will generate their own questions about what they would like to learn and will hopefully have the answers to the questions at the end of the topic.

We are planning a Victorian day at the end of the topic – more information to follow!



Homework

Your child's main form of homework in Year 1 is **reading**. It is extremely important that you listen to your child read and ask them questions about what they have read including predicting what may happen in the text. Please read with your child as often as possible, ideally every day. Children also love to hear their parents and carers read and this helps them to become expressive, fluent readers so please take time to read to your child throughout the week - maybe a bedtime story!

The children are expected to begin to join their **handwriting** in Year 1 so please encourage them to join their letters whenever they are writing.

By the end of the year there are **common exception words** which the children are expected to be able to read and spell accurately. These are available on the school website for you to practise with your child.

We will also set challenges to complete throughout the year. These tasks will link to our topic.

Reminders

Please help us to keep your children fit and healthy by ensuring they have their P.E. kit in school. It should be in school for the whole week or if you prefer for the whole of the half term. We can always send it home if it gets very dirty!



It is important to ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. This includes coats and lunch-bags.



Children should be bringing their book bag to school every day, which should include their reading book and reading journal. This enables the children to change their books regularly and for us to read any comments you have made in their journals. Please read as often as possible with your children. The more they read, the sooner they will be 'Over the Rainbow'. Although we do not comment on your child's reading in their journal, please be assured we do listen to your child read at least once a week.



Dates for your Diary

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| Friday 4 th October | PTA non uniform day |
| Tuesday 22 nd October | Harvest Celebration Assembly All parents invited – 2.15pm start |
| Friday 25 th October | Non uniform day – for our chosen charity |
| Friday 25 th October | Last day of Autumn 1 |

Yours sincerely

G. A. Eckley-Gardner

Mrs G. A. Eckley-Gardner
KS1 Assistant Headteacher