

# Year 1 Newsletter - September 2017

## MoE News

This week we will be starting our new Mantle of the Expert topic all about **Monsters**.

We have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned for this half term and we are sure the children will thoroughly enjoy learning about how to solve Monster problems.



A detailed curriculum map will follow shortly.

## Welcome to Year 1



Welcome back after the long summer break - we hope you have had an enjoyable holiday! It is lovely to see the children all back at school. We are eager to get started with learning and we look forward to working in partnership with you this year.

### **Staff in Year 1**

1A - Mrs Ashford-Smith and Miss Simmons

1B - Miss Blantford, Miss Pearce and Mrs Clifford

1S - Mrs Edwards, Mrs Hodson, Miss Newman and Mrs Hathaway

Teachers will be out every morning to speak with parents, greet the children and bring their class into school. Please also use the home/school communication book to pass along any messages. Please do not hesitate to speak with class teachers if you have a worry or concern so that we can help. If you feel you need a further meeting or support, you can arrange a meeting with Mrs Thomas, the Key Stage 1 Assistant Head.

## P.E. in Year 1

Please make sure your child has their P.E. kit in school every day. We will be learning gymnastics skills on Tuesday during our indoor P.E. slot and we will be outside on Thursdays. It is important that children have the correct kit, including a white P.E. t-shirt, purple shorts and pumps/trainers. If children do not have the correct kit they will not be able to take part in the lesson. Please make sure all kit is labelled with your child's name as this helps ensure that lost items are easily returned. All jewellery will need to be removed for PE lessons.



## Water Bottles

Children learn best when they are hydrated so please make sure your child's water bottle is in school every day and is clearly labelled.

**Water only in bottles please.**

## Reading

It is important that all children read regularly at home in order to build on and develop their skills, so please encourage your child to read at least three times a week. This only needs to be a 5 to 10 minute activity. If your child does not wish to read their home reader book, they could read a book from home, a library book or a magazine. Please remember to record your reading in the reading diary so that certificates can be awarded to children who read three times a week. Children take responsibility for changing their own home reading books in Year One. We will also have the opportunity to visit the library each week where children can borrow a book. Please be aware that new books cannot be issued until their previous book has been returned.

## Homework

### **Phonics/Spellings**

The children will have daily phonics sessions and will be taught to spell common words each week. Spellings will be sent home for you to practice.

### **Homework**

Homework tasks will be set every Friday and should be completed and returned to school by the following Wednesday.

## **Don't Forget!**

The first school bell rings at 8.35am when the doors are opened. The second bell is at 8.45am. There will be 'early bird' activities available in class every day for the children to complete. Good punctuality and attendance is extremely important – so don't be late!