

10th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to welcome you to the start of this new academic year in year one and thank you for your support shown so far. The whole year one team have been so impressed at how well the children have come into school in the mornings and settled into year one. We are very lucky this year to be joined by Mrs Richards to support the children's learning and Mrs Farrow who will teach the class on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon.

Attached to this letter is a very important **takeaway task** and our **learning journey** which shows what we will be learning in year one this term. We do expect that you will support your child at home by helping them with their home learning, reading and takeaway tasks. This year we will continue to use **Tapestry** to share some of our learning, special events and trips. It is a brilliant way to share learning and we love to see your child's learning at home, please do come and speak to me if you need any support with using Tapestry.

Uniform

Please could you ensure that all items of uniform, book bags and water bottles are **clearly labelled**. We are trying to get the children to be independent in looking after their own belongings.

PE

This term our **PE is on a Tuesday and Friday** and children should come into school on PE days wearing their PE kit and suitable footwear. This should consist of a white t-shirt, black shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings and plimsolls/trainers.

Home Learning

Your child will be given a spelling journal to support their phonics learning at home. **Spelling home learning will be given out on a Thursday**. We will continue to use Numbots to support our maths in year one and I have attached your child's login details. This is a fun way for children to engage in maths both in and out of school.

Reading

This year we will continue to use Little Wandle Letters and Sounds to teach phonetic reading skills. Reading at home is a vital part of Year 1 learning. Your child will be given a reading folder containing a carefully matched book and yellow reading record for you to record every time you read with them. **A new book will be given out on a Thursday** and they will have already read the book in school so will be able to confidently show off their skills to you.

Reading books must be returned to school on a Monday.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to a fantastic year together. If you have any questions then please feel free to ask anytime.

Miss Ratcliffe