



## Welcome to Year One

**Class Teachers:** Mrs Stevens | Miss Sykes

**Learning Support Assistants:** Miss Tetley | Mrs Akhtar | Mrs Brickhill | Mrs Buckley | Miss Scappaticci

**Additional Teaching Staff:** Mrs Van Spelde | Mrs Cheetham

Welcome to Year One, we are looking forward to the start of a new school year and sharing all the great learning experiences we have in store for your child! Keeping you as parents/carers involved in your child's learning is very important to us, so we would like to share some essential information with you:

### Phonics and Reading

- Children take part in daily Phonics and Shared Reading Sessions which follow FFT Success for All Phonics Scheme
- Children will bring home an FFT Shared Reader book linked to their current Phonics step - this book will be fully decodable and allows your child the opportunity to practise their fluency and comprehension of a familiar book
- Children will also have access to a Library book which they can change during their weekly session
- We encourage you to read with your child for at least 10 minutes every day
- Please comment in your child's Reading Record when you have read with your child
- Your child's Reading books, and Reading Record should be brought into school each day

### Home Learning

- Home Learning is set on a Wednesday and handed in by the following Monday
- The purpose of Home Learning is to consolidate and extend prior learning
- Children should be able to complete tasks mostly independently after explanation
- Home Learning tasks will alternate between Maths/Arithmetic and English/Reading Comprehension
- Any concerns regarding Home Learning should be shared with the Class Teachers
- Online platforms are available for the children to use either as part of the weekly Home Learning or as additional resources to further embed learning from in school:
  - This includes Spelling Shed and Maths Shed. Logins can be found in the front of the children's Reading Records

### Home School Communication

- Class Teachers should always be your first point of contact
- One member of the team will be available on the door every morning and at the end of the school day
- We do not share personal email addresses but if you would like to speak to any of the team, we are always happy to arrange a time for this via [admin@gorseybank.org.uk](mailto:admin@gorseybank.org.uk)
- Feedback can be shared with PTA/Parent Council Reps and Parent Governors
- Parents' Evenings happen in October and January, and Learning Review Meetings in July
- The Annual Planner has key dates a year in advance
- The Gorseley Weekly is sent out every Friday

## **Practicalities**

- Children are provided with a fruit or vegetable snack for playtime each day
- Children in Year One are eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals entitlement. You are of course welcome to send your child in with a packed lunch (please ensure there are no nuts).
- PE kit should be in school every day. They will be sent home at the end of each half term to be washed and then returned the following half term
- Uniform remains the same as last year – [full guidance on this can be found here](#)

## **Collection Arrangements**

- The children will leave school from the Year One door at home time, and will remain at the door until they see someone who has come to collect them
- Please let your child's Class Teacher know if there is any change in collection, this can be done on the door or through contacting the school office

*For more information please visit our website:*

<https://www.gorseybank.org.uk/>

*Or our year group page:*

<https://www.gorseybank.org.uk/year-groups/year-1/>