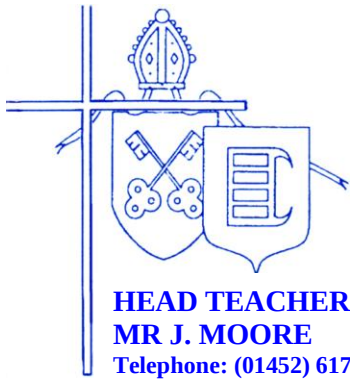




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Dear Parents and Carers

Y1 Autumn Class Letter

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to the exciting year ahead.

This year, the Year 1 team consists of myself, Miss Howells, as the full-time class teacher, alongside Mrs Brown, our class Learning Partner. We are also joined by Ms Gisby, who teaches the class during PPA time on Monday afternoons.

Please keep an eye on Class Dojo, where we will regularly share photographs, updates and information about all the fantastic learning taking place throughout the term.

Our Learning This Term

Our theme this term is 'Chalkboards and Chimney Sweeps', where we will be exploring the fascinating world of the Victorians, with Queen Victoria as our significant historical figure.

The children will discover what life was like for Victorian children, including experiencing a Victorian school day, comparing schools past and present, and exploring Victorian toys and everyday life.

We have attached a Knowledge Organiser, which outlines the key vocabulary and learning we will be covering this term. We hope this will help you support conversations about your child's learning at home.

Reading and Phonics

This year we will continue to follow the Read Write Inc. phonics programme to support the children's reading and writing development.

Through Class Dojo, I will share links to virtual phonics sessions that match the learning taking place in school. These are a fantastic way to reinforce your child's phonics at home.



Reading regularly is one of the most important ways you can support your child's learning. We kindly ask that you listen to your child read at least three times each week and record this in their yellow reading record. Sharing stories together and talking about books also helps to develop a lifelong love of reading.

PE and Forest School

PE lessons will take place every Friday. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing:

- their school PE T-shirt
- navy or black tracksuit bottoms and a hoodie or sweatshirt
- trainers

Forest School will continue on Wednesday afternoons, led by Mrs West. Please send your child in old clothes that you don't mind getting muddy, ideally with waterproof clothing if possible. They will also need a change of shoes and a bag to bring home any muddy items.

PE and Forest School will start week commencing Monday 21st September due to the swimming lessons taking place over the next two weeks. More information about this will follow separately.

A Few Reminders

- Please ensure all uniform, PE kit and Forest School clothing are clearly named.
- Children should bring their book bag to school every day, as we regularly practise reading and phonics throughout the week.
- Please send your child to school with a named coat every day, as the weather can change quickly and we spend time outdoors whenever possible.
- The school day begins at 8:45am and finishes at 3:15pm. Thank you for ensuring your child arrives on time each day, ready to learn.

If you ever have any questions or concerns about your child, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the Year 1 team. You are welcome to catch me or another member of staff at the end of the school day, and we will always be happy to help.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to a wonderful Autumn Term and an exciting year of learning together.

Kind regards,
Miss Howells & Mrs Brown
The Year 1 Team