

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 1! It has been lovely to see your children settle well into their new classrooms, enjoying being back together as a class again. We have enjoyed learning about our new class animal, our new routines and have even chosen a class tree in our school grounds to observe throughout the year! You might want to ask your child to show you their new class tree after school- maybe you can spot another one like it in Galleywood?



All of our topics this year are linked to the book 'One World, Many Colours' by Ben Lerwill. You might want to look out for it in book shops! Each term we will be taking a colour from the book and linking our learning to that colour. We have planned lots of exciting learning experiences for your children and we are looking forward to seeing them engage in our new topics.

Autumn 1- September and October	Orange and gold	Signs of autumn, plant growth, harvest, pumpkins
Autumn 2- November and December	Red	London today, the Great Fire of London
Spring 1- January and February	White	Antarctica, penguins, ice experiments, famous explorers
Spring 2- March and April	Blue	The world's oceans, sea creatures, the Titanic
Summer 1- May and June	Yellow	Bees, sunflowers
Summer 2- June and July	Green	The Amazon rainforest

As a staff team we have thought about different ways that we can communicate with parents about the learning that is happening in our classrooms. Partnerships with parents are very important to us as we know children value the link between home and school; we know they love to share their achievements with you! We would like to continue to use Tapestry in Year 1 so we can share pictures and videos from our learning in school. Look out for some extra home learning challenges we might set throughout the term!

Reading

We would like you to focus on developing your child's reading fluency with them at home. We will be sending books home every Friday (please remember a book bag!) and we will swap these on a weekly basis. Your child will have practised reading these books daily in school, either through quiet reading time, paired reading or by reading to an adult. Their first reads in school will help them to decode new words, explore new vocabulary and gain a sense of the plot. They can then focus on reading for enjoyment at home with you, in a more fluent, confident style. We will send more information about how to support your child with this in a separate reading newsletter next week. We would love to see the progress your child is making so please upload some reading videos to Tapestry when you can! You can also write in your child's reading record which will be looked at every Friday when book bags are in school.

Maths

We will be teaching your children some new mental maths facts this term.

You might want to help them practise:

- Counting objects to 10 and then 20 accurately
- Counting forwards and backwards to 10 and then 20

We will let you know what we have covered on Tapestry at the end of each week so you can keep practising together at home.

Board games such as Snakes and Ladders are a fantastic way of practising maths skills. Games with dominoes, dice and playing cards also offer lots of opportunities to recognise and talk about numbers.

If you have any questions or comments please email our school office or arrange to speak to us at the end of the school day. Thank you for supporting us with the new arrangements regarding PE kit on Wednesdays and Fridays, clearly named water bottles every day and book bags on Fridays. We look forward to working with you!