

# Hannah Ball School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope your child has enjoyed their first few weeks in Year 1! Year 1 is an exciting time as the children are now beginning Key Stage 1.

Over the course of the year, the children will be studying exciting new topics, exploring a variety of texts and hopefully going on visits throughout the year to help support their learning in the classroom.

## The Year 1 team

Mrs. Bashir and Mrs Yasin are the Learning Support Assistant in Year 1 and will be working with the class, small groups and individual children on a daily basis. On Wednesday afternoon the children will be taught by Mrs Simmons.

We work very closely together and communicate daily, so please feel free to speak to any of us if you have any concerns

## School Uniform

Please make sure your child is wearing the correct school uniform every day. **All uniform must be named.** If earrings are worn, because your child has recently been pierced, then they should be covered by tape. Otherwise no earrings should be worn. Long hair should be tied back neatly. Children will need to have a pair of named wellingtons in school.

## PE

**PE will take place on a Wednesday.** Please ensure your child wears the correct PE kit in school on those days.

If your child cannot take part for a particular medical reason, then please make sure you write a note for the teacher.

<u>Indoor P.E</u>	<u>Outdoor P.E</u>
Black plimsolls	Trainers (any colour)
White T- shirt	Black jogging bottoms (trousers/leggings)
Black shorts	White T-shirt
	Black sweatshirt or jumper (no zips or hoods)

## **Curriculum, Teaching and Learning**

Attached is this term's topic overview. We will share curriculum topic overviews with you at the beginning of each half term. These can also be found on our website under class areas. In addition to topic overviews, you can also access knowledge organisers under class areas. Knowledge organisers are a summary of the key facts and essential knowledge that pupils need about a topic or a curriculum subject. We hope these will be a really clear and easy way for you as parents to be more aware of what your children are learning at school and thus help you support them.

## **Reading books, planners and book bags**

Planners and reading books should be brought to school in a book bag **every day**. Rucksacks are not allowed and not needed in Key Stage 1. **Water bottles must be carried separately and not placed inside the book bag.** School planners will be checked daily and reading books changed three times a week. Please make sure you record any reading your child does at home in their planner, otherwise their books will not be changed. The expectation is that your child will read to an adult at home every day. These planners will also act as a home school diary, however if there is something immediate that the class teacher should know, and then please inform the office or the person at the gate before school.

In addition to their reading book, your child will also have the opportunity to visit the school library for extra reading books that interest them. They can also share these books with you at home.

## **Homework**

- Read with your child every evening.
- Weekly phonics and spelling activities.
- Maths Whizz for 10 minutes.
- Myon Project and general reading every weekend.

## **Spelling**

Spelling words will be sent out at the beginning of each half term. The lists are stuck in the Planner. They should also try to write a short sentence using the word.

## **Fruit**

In KS1 snack is provided in the form of a fruit or a vegetable the children do not need to bring in their own.

Kind regards,

Ms Pitman