

# Hello and welcome to Year 1

Here are just a few things you need to know as we get into our new school year.

## Year 1 staff

The teachers in Year 1 are Miss Tate, Miss Dean and Mrs Theakston.

Mrs Theakston teaches the Bumblebees on a Thursday for the full day.

Mrs Theakston teaches the Caterpillars on a Friday afternoon.

On a Friday morning the children are taught by Mrs Theakston and the sport coaches.

The teaching assistants are Mrs Scotter (Bumblebees) and Mrs Hancox (Caterpillars)

## PE Days

This term the children will need to come to school in their PE kits on a Monday and Friday. The children will have a dance coach on a Monday this half term and they have the sports coaches on a Friday morning. Please ensure any earrings are taken out or covered over with tape and hair is tied up on these days.

## Reading at home

Reading books will be changed at the beginning of each week, usually on a Monday or Tuesday. We would like to encourage you to read with your child 3 times a week to help develop their enjoyment for reading. Please write a comment in their reading diary when you have read with them at home. Here are a few pointers which may help you when reading with your child at home:

1. Develop the children's independence with reading, encouraging them to get their own books out of their bag, open the book and turn the pages themselves.
2. Encourage your child to point to the words as they read.
3. Chat with your child about the book - What do they think the story is about? What do they think will happen next? How are the characters feeling? Can they retell the story when they have finished it?

## Polite Reminders

- Please could you make sure all items of clothing are named.
- Please only send your child to school with water in their bottles.
- We try to go outside in all weather so please send your children with a coat daily just in case the weather changes.
- Thank you for your cooperation with collecting your children at the end of the day as we get to know you all. Please continue to line up on the green markers and we will send your child out to you as you get to the front of the lines.

Thank you for your support so far  
The Year 1 Team

