

Class Information for Parents

Welcome to Year One!

Availability

If you need to speak to me about your child or have any concerns, issues or queries, I can have a quick chat with you most mornings between 8.35am and 8.45am or send a note into school with your child. If you feel you may need longer. Please see me to arrange an appointment after school or email the office on admin@holytrinity.gloucs.sch.uk If you can't find the information you need on the class page or from the school office, then please contact me on my email jenevans@holytrinity.gloucs.sch.uk. I will get back to you as soon as possible and will reply to any emails on Monday if contacted over the weekend.

Reading

Children will read twice weekly where possible, with an adult in school and will have daily 'whole class' reading sessions. They read to Mrs Dutton, Mrs Pargeter, myself and our lovely new reading volunteer, Mrs White who will be joining us very shortly. We do remind parents that if you have listened to your child read, please do comment in their reading record book so we are able to move your child on to the next book. We encourage your child to read at home daily for enjoyment and to re-enforce their reading skills for your child to grow in confidence. Books are chosen carefully to match your child's decoding skills and phonic recognition. We will also comment in their record book if there are parts of a text your child will need more support in. Please encourage your child to remember their reading book and record book on the day that they read in school. This information will be found in their Reading Record Book.



Starting in the Autumn Term, your child will also be able to freely choose 'You can read to me' books to encourage listening to stories read to them and to further promote our love and enjoyment of reading which we foster in school.

Word Lists

Some children will continue with these from Reception – these are high frequency words or sometime called 'sight words'. These words form part of the 100 high frequency words Year One children are expected to read by sight. Children take their word lists home to practise with their family – these words are also learned in school and once we feel a child is confident in these words, they will have some more words to go home with. We will begin to send these words home over the first half of the autumn term.

Homework & Spellings

Children in Year 1 will take home reading books, word cards, number bonds activities and occasional topic tasks. At the beginning of Autumn Term 2, once your child has settled into Year 1, we will start to send spelling words home every Friday. The children will also practise the words at school, and then bring home a sheet to do daily practise. Spelling tests will be held on a Friday, marked and sent home so you can see how your child's achievement. Please do make sure they record all their homework in pencil. Maths homework will also start in the second half of the Autumn Term.



Behaviour

Our school expectation is 'Kind, Safe, Best'. We encourage children to make 'good choices' at all times and we have our classroom expectations we follow to help us be 'Kind, Safe, Best'. We praise and encourage children who are doing this, verbally, with awarding golden tickets and stickers, and by putting their name up on 'Green' part of our Kind, Safe, Best chart. However, on the occasions when this does not happen, we will give the child a verbal reminder of the expected behaviour. If they continue to display the unwanted behaviour, we will talk to the child after the learning time and discuss what they could do next time – this will may mean moving to the 'Yellow', 'Orange' or in extreme cases 'Red'. Please see our school Behaviour Policy for more information.



Water Bottles

In Year One, children bring their water bottles into school each day and go home with them so they can be washed out and filled with fresh water. Please make sure their name is on it and their bottle for the classroom must be filled with water only.



Book Bags

Your child needs to bring a school book bag with them every day as they have their own drawer in which to store it in. In Year One, your child is responsible for putting letters, homework, reading books, etc. into their book bags. We do encourage that children in Year One use a school book bag for this reason. Larger bags that need to be put on their peg take up a lot of space in our very small cloakroom area in the corridor and important letters and homework are often left in their drawer and not taken home. I have also asked the children to keep any keyrings and other decorations attached to the handle of their book bags to once only so that there is room to put it in the drawer.



Show & Tell

Year One do love bringing in things from home to share with the rest of the class! If your child would like to bring in something related to our topic we encourage this and it can be kept in our Topic Area for children to view. If your child has other special items that they would like to talk about, or if they have some special news to share, then we will have some dedicated time for this on Friday afternoon. I would encourage any belongings or special things that your child would like to share to only be brought in on the Friday morning.



Forest School

We are planning to continue Forest School in Year One in the Autumn Term. A letter detailing this will be sent out for when this will start. We are envisaging that this will be on Wednesday afternoons and the class is split into two groups, so we are still able to fulfil our Y1 curriculum in other subjects.

P.E.

Year One PE sessions will change throughout the year so please see the class page for when these are. Please ensure your child comes to school on PE days dressed in their full PE kit. This includes NAMED house t-shirt, black or navy shorts (or joggers in the winter), socks, pumps and school jumper. We are very excited to be continuing our link with MoveMore and have Mr Hemmings supporting our PE sessions this year.



School Uniform

Please make sure your child's jumper, cardigan and coat is named. There is an ongoing problem with children losing jumpers and cardigans, so it helps hugely if the items are named. Also please regularly check that the name is still visible as markers do tend to fade in the wash and sticky name labels can fall off.

Volunteer Helpers

We are always grateful for any adults who would like to come into class and help, whether it be grandparents, parents or friends of the school. It is a fantastic way to keep in touch with your child's learning and children are very proud to have their family members help in school! If you are able to give up your time (whether it be an hour, a morning, a one-off occasion or helping walk the children to special events) then please let Mrs Evans know. We would be very grateful.

If you would like to help in school on a regular basis, you will need to complete a DBS Police Check form which are available in the office.

