WELCOME TO YEAR ONE – AUTUMN TERM

Class Saint: Saint Joseph
Feast Day: March 19th

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome your children to Year One and begin the Autumn Term together! This is an important time of transition from Reception, and our focus will be on helping every child settle in happily, confidently and successfully. As always, your support makes a huge difference and is very much appreciated. 🙏

MEET THE YEAR ONE TEAM

Ms Green – Class Teacher (Tuesday to Friday)

Mrs Walker – Class Teacher (Mondays)

Mrs Cappa – Teaching Assistant (every day)

We are also fortunate to have a dedicated team of 1:1 support staff working with individual children.

If you are interested in volunteering – for example, reading with children, helping with classroom resources, walking with us to church or helping on school trips – we would love to hear from you!

COMMUNICATION

Class Dojo is our main platform for updates, messages and sharing children's work.

You are welcome to catch us for a quick chat before or after school. For anything more detailed, please message us on Dojo so that we can arrange a suitable time to meet.

📸 Don't forget to check our class webpage for photos, letters and useful links:

🔗 St Joseph – Year One Class Page
https://www.holyfamilyprimary.co.uk/St-Joseph-Year-One/

HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS

Daily reading – at least 3 times per week, logged on BoomReader
Phonics activity – shared via Class Dojo
(We will be reviewing Phases 3 and 4 this term, with Phase 5a beginning in Term 2.)
Word Pots or High-Frequency Word Sheets
Number bonds and skip counting – 2s, 5s and 10s

📩 You can upload homework and post Word Pot videos to your child's Dojo portfolio.

📚 Term Project: Research toys and games from the past
Please see the separate letter on the class webpage for more information.

Please let us know if you would like any support with homework.

READING AT HOME 📚

Children should reread their reading books at least three times during the week to help develop fluency, confidence and understanding.

Children can also bring home a class library book to enjoy.

Reading should be recorded on BoomReader. Reading books will normally be changed once a week, unless you would like to keep a book for a little longer.

🎉 Children who log 5 or more reads per week will be entered into a termly raffle to win a book prize!

📌 Please ensure that your child only brings a named red book bag or zip wallet into class. Space is limited, so unfortunately we are unable to store larger bags.

Books must be brought into school every day.

PHONICS 🔤

In June, all Year One children will take the Phonics Screening Check. This involves reading 40 words, including real and 'alien' words, using the phonics skills they have learned.

📎 More information can be found here:
Phonics Screening Check – Government Information

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/676e908e517edf5c74c83728/Phonics_screening_check_information_for_parents.pdf

MATHS FOCUS 🔢

In Year One, lessons focus on:

- Number bonds to 5, 10 and 20
- Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s
- Counting forwards and backwards within 100
- Recognising and describing common 2D and 3D shapes
- Describing position and direction
- Measuring length, weight and capacity
- Finding halves and quarters
- Recognising UK coins and notes
- Learning the days of the week and months of the year
- Beginning to tell the time

Children practise maths every day in class, and we will send home useful resources throughout the year to support their learning.

Many maths skills can be practised practically at home through everyday experiences, such as counting objects, looking at prices, sharing food into halves and quarters, or talking about the time.

Please let us know if you would like any further ideas or support. 💡

PE AND OUTDOOR LEARNING

🕘 PE Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Children should come to school wearing their PE kit. 🤸‍♂️🥿

Black shorts
Red polo top
Black plimsolls or trainers

✅ Long hair must be tied back.

❌ No earrings should be worn on PE days. If earrings cannot be removed, please provide tape or plasters to cover them.

⛹️ Thursday PE is led by a coach from Signature Sports. We will share information about possible after-school sessions soon.

🌳 Forest School and outdoor learning will take place throughout the term. We will send reminders on Dojo when additional or particular clothing is needed.

🧥 Children should wear a suitable coat every day, and all belongings should be clearly labelled, including shoes and wellies. Wellies can be stored in the outside area next to the Year Two classroom.

💧 Children should bring a named water bottle to school every day. Please ensure this contains water only and is carried separately from their lunchbox.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW – AUTUMN TERM

📄 A full curriculum overview for the Autumn Term is available on our class webpage and attached to this letter.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch via Class Dojo or speak to us in person. 😊

We are really looking forward to a happy, exciting and successful year ahead in Year One!

Warmest wishes,

Ms Green, Mrs Walker & The Year One Team