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## Academy Status

*Head Teacher: Mrs K. Pope, B.Ed. (Hons)*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you have all had a restful Christmas break. We are looking forward to another brilliant term with the children.

This term's whole school value is 'Perseverance', which we will learn more about in our class services, as well as in the classroom.

### What does learning look like in Year One?

During the spring term, the children's learning becomes more formal than in the autumn term, with the children working with more independence and completing lesson activities at the same time as a whole class.

### What will we be learning about?

- In English, we will be creating our own poems with a pattern and innovating the story of the Three Little Pigs.
- In Maths, we will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes and becoming confident with place value to 20.
- In Science, we will be learning about animals and humans and focusing on our senses.
- In RE, we will be exploring the question, 'What do Christians believe God is like?'
- In Computing, we will be learning to move a robot through programming.
- In History, we will be answering the question, 'Who is the greatest history maker?'
- In PSHE, we will be considering our 'Dreams and Goals'.
- In Music, we will be learning and performing 'Into the Groove' with glockenspiels.
- In Art, we will be drawing and exploring colour, inspired by the artist Lucy Pittaway .
- In P.E, we will be building on our fielding and striking skills.

### Reading and homework

Books will continue to be changed once a week. When your child has read to you at home, please ensure you can write the title of the book and a comment in the reading diary, as before. If you don't write the title with a tick or comment, we will assume that you haven't had time to read it and want it left in the book bag for you to read another time. Please remember to continue to read with your child at least four times a week. This supports their reading fluency and accuracy and coincides with the reading reward scheme that we have introduced this term.



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## Numbots

Please also encourage your child to practise their number skills at least three times per week using the NumBots app. It is very helpful in improving their number sense and mental maths skills. The children love to be awarded with their certificates on a Friday during services.

## Phonics

Year One will continue to learn our new sounds in phonics every day. We are now working on the alternative graphemes for phase 5 sounds.

Over the next fortnight, we will again be completing some phonics assessments. Following these assessments, we may send home some flashcards and harder to read and spell words that your child is not yet secure in so that you may support your child at home. We will also be sending home phonics homework this term in preparation for the Phonics Screening Check.

## P.E. kit

The children have finished their cricket coaching sessions, so P.E. lessons will take place on a Monday and Wednesday afternoons this term. However, it is helpful if your child has a named PE kit (with both shorts, jogging bottoms and sweatshirt) in school every day. PE kits can remain in school throughout the term and be taken home at the end of every half term for a freshen up.

## Name labelling reminders

Please check your child's uniform and belongings are clearly labelled before sending things into school. It is very helpful for the children's independence and organisational skills if they can recognise their possessions clearly.

If you have any questions or queries throughout the year, please don't hesitate to contact us using the school office email addresses.

We are looking forward to another excellent term with the children.

Best wishes,

Mrs Smart and Mrs Alexander

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