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9th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! It has been lovely meeting all the children, they are settling into Y1 with confidence and enthusiasm! We have an exciting year ahead!

Along with this newsletter, we have included our Y1 Curriculum overview. This will inform you of all the areas of learning to be covered in-line with the Y1 National Curriculum. Added to this, we have included the Autumn 1 medium term plan. This gives you an overview of what we will be learning in class. Please encourage your child to discuss what they have been learning each week.

This half term, PPA will be on a Wednesday afternoon. Please read the weekly newsletter to check if your child is required to wear 'out and about' clothes on that day. Our PE is also timetabled for Wednesdays. Please remember to send your child into school wearing their PE kit (or Out and About clothes) on Wednesdays.

Children will be set weekly Maths Challenges. These will be sent home on a Friday. We request that once completed, they are returned into school by Wednesday. Weekly spellings will be set after the half term break.

In-line with recent government recommendations around the teaching of phonics, all schools have been required to make some changes to their current phonics programs. At Queensgate, we have subscribed to a program called Teach Hub Phonics. Daily in-class phonics teaching will continue to be our priority across our curriculum. In maths, learning will be further enhanced with daily sessions, which follow a highly recommended program of study called 'Number Sense'. More information will be given during a 'Meet the Team' session on Wednesday 14th September.

We ask children to bring their water bottle and book bag into school each day. We cannot stress enough the importance of encouraging your child to read at home. We are aware that this can sometimes prove difficult to achieve so we advise you make it fun! Children can be encouraged to read to siblings, pets or independently! I am sure we all agree that we want our children to acquire a love of reading as a lifetime skill. It is recommended that books be read three times, once for decoding, once for understanding and once for fluency. Children can then put their book bags into the 'books to change' box in the classroom and we will change them as soon as we can. Please ensure you write and sign in your child's reading record every time you listen to them read.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 1 staff team.

(ICE: Mrs Edmonds and Miss Wheeler. 1SG: Miss Stone, Mrs Gibbins and Miss Gobby).



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