

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 8.40am and 8.50am, 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

Reading

Children read weekly with an adult in school and also have daily 'whole class' reading sessions. They read to Mrs Griffiths, who is the class Teaching Assistant or reading volunteers. 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 in order for your child to grow in confidence. **Please encourage your child to remember their reading wallet on the day that they read in school. This can be found in their Reading Record Book.**



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.



Homework & Spellings

Children in Year 1 will take home reading books and spellings, as well as occasional topic work.

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.**

Behaviour

Our school rule is 'Ready, Respectful, Safe'. We encourage children to make 'good choices' at all times and to be. We praise and encourage children who are doing this, verbally, with certificates and stickers, or by putting their name up on our 'recognition board'. 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. 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. They don't need to have a school water bottle – any clear drinking bottle is suitable. 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 bags, 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 on our 'Interest Table' 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 a 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.



P.E.

Year One PE sessions are on **Fridays**. Please ensure your child comes to school on Fridays dressed in their **full PE kit**. This includes house t-shirt, black or navy shorts (or joggers in the winter), socks, pumps and named school jumper.

Jumpers

Please make sure your child's jumper is named. There is an ongoing problem with children losing jumpers so it helps hugely if the jumpers 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 Hewson 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.

