

Year One Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

First of all, we would like to welcome you all to Year One! We have already had the chance to speak to some of you and hope to meet everyone soon. This newsletter will provide you with some useful information about what your child will be doing this half term and also things they will need to have with them each day. However, if there is anything that you are unsure about, please feel free to catch us at the end of the day or drop the office an email.

Big Idea

We are beginning this half term with a book study of Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy. We will be thinking carefully about Hairy Maclary and his friends and doing lots of writing and art work to show our ideas.

English

We will be learning about adjectives and similes and using these to describe Hairy Maclary and other characters in the story.

Maths

We will begin by counting forwards and backwards and work on finding one more and one less within 20.

Lockers

Your child has their own locker big enough for storing a coat, P.E. bag and one other **small** bag. The space inside the locker is limited, so please keep additional items to a minimum (wellies are not needed on a regular basis, so can be kept at home).

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a water bottle, labelled with their name, for the classroom. Packed lunch bags are taken down to the canteen and children need to have access to water throughout the day.

Bags

Your child can bring a book bag to school each day and store this in their coloured tray in the classroom. If they want to bring an additional bag, this needs to be as small as possible as locker doors need to close easily.

P.E. Kit

We have P.E. on Tuesday and Wednesday each week. Please make sure your child has a P.E. kit consisting of: trainers/plimsolls, shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms, a t-shirt and a jumper or hoody for cooler weather. P.E. kits can remain in your child's locker to ensure they have their kit on P.E. days.

Snacks

Your child can bring snacks to school to eat during morning and afternoon playtimes. These need to be healthy snacks e.g. fruit or vegetables etc. No biscuits, crisps or sweets please. We have storage baskets for snacks in the classrooms, but please try to send snacks in small containers labelled with

your child's name as the baskets can get quite full. Fruit will be available in the classroom if your child does not bring a snack from home.

Reading Books

In a short while, we will be sending your child home with a reading book. We will be following a system very similar to the system used in Reception, but we will explain this once we start sending books home.

How to Help Your Child at Home This Half Term

Here are some ways in which you can support your child with their learning:

- Reading, sharing and enjoying books together
- Counting forwards and backwards within 20
- Encourage your child to dress and undress themselves independently
- Write upper and lower case letters, starting and finishing in the correct places
- Writing numerals correctly

Please see the Helping Your Child at Home section on the Year One page of the school website for more information.

If you have any questions, please come and speak to us and we will do our best to help you.

Kind regards,

The Year One Team