



Davington Primary School

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Dear Parents

We would like to welcome all the Year One children to their new classes and hope that they will all have a successful year and make the most of all the opportunities that are planned for them.

Topics for the term

This term will be full of different activities on the topic of 'Ourselves'. We will be looking at the different parts of our body and comparing ourselves to our friends and other animals. We will also be looking at seasonal changes through weather and visits to the woodland area.

In Maths, we will be focusing on counting and comparing numbers to 10/20 (or beyond for those who are already secure with these numbers). This will include one more/one less, simple addition and subtraction, and naming 2D shapes and 3D. We will also be measuring and comparing objects using non-standard measurements for weight and length. Correct number formation is also important so we ask this to be reinforced at home too.

Homework

We will be sending home some information that you can work on with your children each week. This is aimed at supporting your children's knowledge and understanding in the topics they are covering in class. Homework will be given out on Friday and so that we can mark and prepare the books for the following week, they will be collected in on a Wednesday.

You can also support your child at home by playing board games, pairing socks, counting out pennies and using money, and recognising numbers in the home and on the way to school.

The **most important activity you can do** with your child is listening to them read and sharing books with them, modeling this skill. Encourage your child to talk in detail about the sequence of a story, i.e. what happened at the beginning, middle and end, and use familiar story language ie 'Once upon a time', 'Happily ever after', etc. Asking your child questions about what they have read will give them a greater understanding. We ask you to please make a comment in their reading record book when you hear them read. Once your child has read their reading book please do change their books with them in the morning. The books are all 'colour banded' in appropriate boxes outside the classroom. We ask you not to change the colour unless told to do so by the class teacher.

Each week your child will be bringing home spelling words. These will include common exception words and words linked with phonics patterns or topic vocabulary. It is really important that you work with your child to learn these spelling will help your child become a more independent writer. They will be tested informally on spellings each week, and this will including reinforcing cursive script in their handwriting, ie lead in and lead out.



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P.E. and Games

Up until half term both classes will be swimming on a Wednesday afternoon. This will be instead of indoor P.E.

ID - Indoor P.E. will be on Tuesday morning and outdoor games on a Friday afternoon (weather permitting).

IN - Indoor P.E will be on Tuesday morning and outdoor games on a Friday afternoon (weather permitting).

Please ensure that you provide a tracksuit for their outdoor games lessons as the weather is becoming cooler, and a white t-shirt, blue shorts and plimsolls for indoor PE.

All school clothes, shoes and plimsolls MUST be clearly labeled with their name.

Volunteers

We are always in need of willing helpers. If you would like to come and help during the year, whether it be reading with individual children, escorting children on a school trip or you may have a special talent e.g. sewing, woodwork or art, there is always something to do and is always much appreciated. Please let us know if you are interested. You will need to be police checked before this can commence. Please contact the school office who will give you the necessary information. We always value any support that you might be able to provide, no matter how small.

We will put any additional daily information on the signing in table. Please check this each morning. Please ensure your child brings a coat **every day**, and a named water bottle filled with water.

Mrs Bell will teach ID on a Thursday afternoon.

We hope that your child will be very happy in our classes. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Dunt and Miss Noble
Year 1 Class Teachers