



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

Terms 1 and 2, 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 coins, 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. 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 band unless told to do so by the class teacher. Every Friday we will count how many times they have read in a week at home. 3 reads will earn a stamp. 6, 12 and 18 stamps will then earn them a bronze, silver and gold bookmark.

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 as spelling them will help your child become a more independent writer.



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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).

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

All children will need a pair of wellies in school.

All school clothes, shoes and plimsolls MUST be clearly labelled 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 or art, there is always something to do and is always much appreciated. Please contact Miss Heath 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.

Please ensure your child brings a coat **every day**, and a named water bottle filled with water.

Mrs Oliver will teach ID on a Thursday afternoon. She will also be teaching IB alternate Thursday mornings.

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 Mrs Bishop
Year 1 Class Teachers

Numeracy Skills

We will be reading and writing number words and digits as well as ordering numbers to 20 and beyond. We will be learning how to find 1 more and 1 less than any given number, extending this to 10 more and 10 less. The children will be learning to understand addition as "counting on" and subtraction as "take away" and "find the difference". We will be encouraging the children to use simple number sentences to record. We will learn pairs of numbers that add to 10 (number bonds), as well as doubles and halves for whole numbers to 10. We will be weighing and measuring. We will be learning the names of 2D and 3D shapes as well as looking at their properties.

Religious Education

In term 1 we will explore what it means to belong to a faith community. In term 2 we will be finding out how and why we celebrate special and sacred times.

PSHE

We will be learning about feelings and friendships in term 1. In term 2 we will be looking at medicines and who can give them to us.

Year 1 Terms 1 and 2 2018



Communication, Language and Literacy

In Year 1, the children will be assessed at the end of the year using the Year 1 Phonic Screen. In order to achieve this, in term 1 and 2 the children will have a daily phonic session, which will support both their reading and spelling. The children will be learning Phase 4 and Phase 5 phonemes from Letters and Sounds. The children will need to learn to read and spell some common exceptions words such as 'said', 'the' and 'were'. In writing they will be learning to use finger spaces, capital letters and full stops in simple sentences. They will be continuing to form all letters correctly by starting on the line. They will enjoy a range of fiction and non-fiction books and will develop the skills to answer questions about them.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

In term 1 we will be looking at the seasons, particularly autumn and winter. This will include looking at signs of seasonal changes, and how we dress according to the weather.

In term 2, the children will be finding out about themselves including using their senses, parts of their bodies and how they move. We will be investigating questions such as "Does the tallest person have the longest arms?" We will also be looking at animals in different habitats and comparing them to humans.

ICT Capability

In ICT, the children will be developing their computer skills and familiarising themselves with keyboards. They will have the opportunity to use paint programmes and make graphs from data they have collected.

In term 2, they will be using drag and drop skills to create pictures. As well as this, they will be exploring talking books and making use of their skills to navigate a computer game.

Creative Arts

In term 1 the children will be swimming. In Games and Dance, we will be developing the children's control and coordination as well as encouraging team work.

We will be looking at the children's use of pitch and tone when singing, using simple percussion instruments to accompany well known songs such as "Head, shoulders, knees and toes". In Art, we will be exploring the use of colour, line and texture, and control when working with different equipment. We will be looking at the work of famous artists such as Van Gogh and Kandinski.

