



# Year 1 Newsletter

## Welcome to Year 1!

We would like to wish all parents and children a warm welcome to Year One. We want to use this newsletter to keep you updated on what is happening in your child's class this term.

Our topic for the first half term is Super Scientists and we will become scientists and ask questions and test our ideas. Children will be finding out about different materials and how materials are used. We will also be reading traditional tales link to various materials such as **The Three Little Pigs**, **Gingerbread Man** and also reading **Iggy Peck**, **Architect!**

Parents - We appreciate the help and support you offer at home enormously. Reading with your child is one of the most powerful and effective ways you can help them. Even 5 minutes a day can make all the difference!



## Phonics

Children participate in daily **Read Write Inc.** sessions (Phonics Program) to develop reading and writing skills. Please continue to help us by encouraging your child to **read every day** and recording it in their Reading Diary. **RWI** books **must be kept in the book bags** and brought in **every day**; your child will make the best progress if you help them to practice the sounds, green and red words and read with them at home.

## Math

We are using Numicon, arrow cards and many other maths resources to support the teaching of number. We are learning how to count and order numbers accurately. We will also be reinforcing how to add numbers and explore addition facts. We will send you information so that you can practice these addition facts at home.

## Homework

It is compulsory that parents/carers share a book and record in reading diaries at least four times a week. Reading with your child is the most important thing you can do to support your child! If they read four times a week for eight weeks we will give them a free book!

## Key Dates for Year 1 this term:

### P.E.

Indoor PE: Thursday

Outdoor PE: Friday

**On PE days please help your child remember to bring in their full PE kit including trainers to wear outside.**

These kits can stay in school all half term. They will need tracksuit bottoms and jumpers as it gets colder!

### Library:

Please make sure your child has their library book in school every **Monday** otherwise they will unfortunately not be able to borrow a new book for that week. These books are for you to enjoy with your children, either they can read to you or you can read to them.

### Letters Home:

Thursdays

### Parents Evening:

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October/ Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October

### Holidays

Last day of term: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Return to school: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Break up for Christmas: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

Pupils Return: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Please see the Gallions events calendar for full dates.