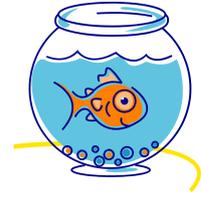




**Romiley Primary School (Tel: 0161 430 3101)**  
**Year 1 - Autumn Term 2017**



**'What's going on in Year 1?'**

Welcome to Year 1

**Meet the Teacher**

We are holding two 'Meet the Teacher' sessions on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September. This is an opportunity for you to meet the Year One Team and find out key information about Year One. The early session will begin at 15:30 and the later session will begin at 17:15. We hope to see you there.

**Routines**

School officially starts at **8.55am**. The first bell rings at **8.50am** and the children may then line up to be allowed into school. The children are met in the playground by their teacher and come into school with them.

We ask that you say 'good-bye' in the playground. **Please don't accompany your child into the building**, as we do not have enough room in the cloakrooms for children and parents. Some children may become overwhelmed trying to get through so many adults. We have found the children are confident and used to dealing with their coats and bags at playtimes and lunchtimes and this also encourages them to become independent.

The school day for Year 1 finishes at **3:15pm**. Please collect your child in the Key Stage 1 playground.

**Playtimes**

We kindly ask that parents refrain from speaking to their children through the railings at playtimes as this can encourage the children to speak to strangers and climb on the fence.

**The Curriculum**

This term, our main theme is 'Animals Including Humans' which will run throughout the year. Much of our Literacy, Science, Geography, PSHE, Art and DT are inter-linked through this topic. We will need your help with our DT topic as we will be making bird houses. Please can you save any shoeboxes, margarine tubs, small Oxo boxes, milk bottle lids, ribbon, buttons and shredded paper and send them in with your child. We welcome children bringing in stories, non-fiction books and poetry books based on this theme but please ensure they are clearly labelled with your child's name. We will also begin looking at the weather and seasonal change in Science and Geography. This will involve measuring rainfall and looking at how the seasons effect our environment.

**Trips**

As part of our curriculum studies, we endeavour to take children on at least one educational visit per term. This can consist of trips to museums, places of interest, shows and walks around the local area or visitors to school.

**Uniform/P.E. Kit**

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE **name** all of your child's clothing – both uniform and P.E. kit – including pumps/shoes. We like children to have their P.E. kit in school **at all times** in case we do sessions that are not on the regular time table. A P.E. bag should have: pumps/trainers, shorts and a school T-shirt. T-shirts are available to order. During the winter months we will endeavour to do outdoor P.E so children will also need tracksuit bottoms/leggings and a warm jumper/fleece. Children cannot wear earrings in P.E. If your child has pierced ears please show them how to remove their earrings and bring a box to store them in. It would be useful to have spare underwear and socks in the PE bag, in case of accidents, as we do not store spare clothes in school.

**Reading Books**

Your child will bring home a reading book which will be changed on varying days each week. However, the repetition of reading a familiar book is essential to consolidate learning. Often the book will have been read with your child in school before it is sent home. Please re-read the book again at home and use it as a tool to play games, such as finding familiar words and identifying words from the familiar text. You will notice that your child will occasionally bring non-fiction books home – we ask that you not only hear your child read but also ask your child questions about the content and layout using appropriate terms; e.g. headings, contents, captions, lists and instructions. Pictures are very important in the beginning stages of reading. Please allow your child to use them to help to identify words and to aid with comprehension.

Reading Diaries– when you hear your child read at home please indicate in the diary that you have listened to them read. These diaries will be changed by volunteers and may not be seen by staff every day.

## **Volunteers**

We are looking for volunteers for both Year 1 classes to listen to readers and change books. **Please, please, please** could anyone with an hour or two to spare (grandparents are also welcome) see Mrs Cropper or Miss Hancock to sort out a morning/afternoon each week. A DBS check will be necessary. This can be arranged by the school office, so please let us know soon as possible if you are available to help.

## **Homework for Year One**

### **Daily Homework**

At our stage this consists of spending time reading with your child every night. This can be re-reading their school book for practise or reading library/home books. All are equally as important in your child's reading development.

### **Weekly Homework**

In order to engage the children we are setting a 'Homework Quiz and Show and Tell' weekly task. The task will be set on Friday and the children will have a week to complete the task. The task will consist of learning spellings and phonemes in a creative way (details to follow) and similar Maths tasks. We then ask that you take a photograph of how your child completed their homework and send it to our class email address:

Miss Hancock's class: [y1ahomework@romiley.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:y1ahomework@romiley.stockport.sch.uk)

Mrs Cropper's class: [y1bhomework@romiley.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:y1bhomework@romiley.stockport.sch.uk).

On the following Friday the children will then have the opportunity to show the class their photograph and discuss it with their friends. This will be followed by a homework quiz to check on their learning. Photographs of other exciting things that the children have been doing can also be sent to the above address and the children will be encouraged to speak about them.

### **Holiday Homework**

Later in the year we introduce holiday homework topics. These topic based homework activities are optional and are meant to be a fun task for the holidays. The children love bringing them into school and showing what they have done. They receive a small prize for the most inventive pieces of homework.

## **Toys**

Unfortunately we have had to make a rule that no toys at all are brought to school. It takes a long time to find lost toys and to console children if their toys are broken.

## **Class contributions**

In Year 1 we collect a £1 per week voluntary contribution from each child for our class fund. The money is then used towards our 'Special Days' such as Ball Day, Alien Day and Pirate Day. This can be paid in cash or cheques made payable to Romiley Primary School.

## **Book Bags**

There is limited storage space within the classroom, so please ensure that your child has a simple book bag with their name clearly marked and not a rucksack (as they cannot be stored in our classrooms).

## **Water Bottles**

Please send your child to school with a clearly named water bottle (this can just be a clear plastic bottle) which is separate from their packed lunch and can be stored and refilled within the classroom. They do not need to be taken home each night as they will be refilled with water in school.

## **Fruit**

Your child will continue to receive a piece of fruit daily during Year 1.

## **Inhalers/Medication**

If your child has an inhaler in school please ensure that it is within date and send it into your child's teacher.

## **Named Clothing**

Please make sure that you clearly label all of your child's belongings, including footwear, bags and coats.

Many thanks

Miss Hancock & Mrs Cropper (Class Teachers)