



# Year One

## Term 1



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to year one. Your child's teacher this year is: Chaffinch class- Mrs Pope supported by Mrs Clarke or Goldfinch class Mrs Earles supported by Mrs Ashurst. We are looking forward to working together with you and your child.

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Our first topic this year is 'If you go down to the woods...' We are reading stories about 'Percy the Park Keeper' and using these to learn how stories are structured with a beginning, middle and end. We are also learning about characters and story settings. As part of science we are learning about animal habitats so we are visiting our school wood to look at where we think animals may live and why. As our class names are birds we are designing and making bird feeders in the hope that we can encourage some of our feathered friends to visit us. We are writing instructions to make sandwiches and bread and enjoying eating these! In Maths we are learning how to recognise and form numbers correctly and using a variety of strategies to add and take away amounts.

#### Reading, Spelling

Please read with your child each day as this will really help to improve their reading skills. Books are changed daily so, please sign the contact book (even if you don't wish to comment) to avoid the book being sent back again. We will be sending out 'spellings' each week for your child to practice. We have attached some ideas for ways in which you can help your child to learn these at home. Thank you

#### Homework

Our 'brain buster' homework will be sent out at the beginning of each new term. It will be related to our topic. The homework can generally be completed in any order all we ask is that you send the finished tasks in by the requested date. Children who complete all of the terms homework will receive a small prize.

#### PE

For PE this term, we are extremely lucky to have Premier Sports Coaches on Monday Mornings. Class teachers will be taking a PE session on Wednesdays. Children will need to have their named PE kits in school at all times. If your child does not have a kit unfortunately, they will not be able to join in PE – they will be able to watch. If your child wears earrings for safety reasons please ensure they are taken out on both of these days.

#### Things to note

We do provide your child with a named water bottle and a fruit snack. If you would like your child to have milk then please speak to Mrs Adamek in the office. As the weather is getting colder and wetter please ensure your child has a named coat in school. Please make sure that all jumpers and cardigans are named.

If you have any questions or concerns please come and speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you

Mrs Earles and Mrs Pope.