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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Class One!

It has been a pleasure getting to know your children over the past few days, and I am looking forward to meeting you all and beginning what promises to be a fun-filled year together. Please find in this letter some important information about Year One and what to expect in the coming term.

Transition into Year One

This is an exciting time for everyone as the children make the step from Foundation Stage into Key Stage One. This year, we have incorporated elements of continuous provision (peg time) into our Year One classroom. This means that children will continue to have opportunities, similar to those experienced in Rainbows, to explore and develop their learning through practical, hands-on activities. Over the summer, we have been busy preparing our classroom and outdoor learning environment, with exciting new areas which have been carefully designed to support the National Curriculum and encourage a love of learning. We hope this will provide a smooth transition into Year One!

Adults in Class One

We are incredibly lucky to have Mrs Gillard and Mrs Weaver in Class One this year, who will be supporting the children throughout the week. On Wednesday afternoons during the Autumn Term, we are also fortunate to have Mrs Smith teaching in Class One. Mrs Smith has supported Bussage School over the past year and will be a familiar face to many of the children, having taught lessons in Rainbows.

Curriculum

This year, the children will be exploring a range of exciting Big Questions through our curriculum learning. Attached to this letter is a curriculum map with more information about what the children will be learning and experiencing this term.

PE and Outdoor Learning

This half term, **PE** will normally be on **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**. However, we may do sessions at different times during the week, so please could you ensure your child has their PE kit (T-shirt, shorts and daps/trainers) in school at all times. It would be very helpful if girls with long hair could come to school with their hair tied up on PE days and that no jewellery (including earrings) or watches are worn so that we can comply with health and safety regulations during our sessions.





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Please could you ensure that your child has a pair of **wellies** in school **at all times**. This is so they can access the outdoor learning area throughout the year, as well as the field during lunchtime play.

Reading and Spelling

In Year One, we change home reading books on **Mondays**. At the start of Autumn term, your child will bring home a phonetically decodable reading book and a reading diary. The decodable book will be carefully matched to the phonics teaching taking place in school, giving children the opportunity to practise the sounds and tricky words they have learnt.

To support reading at home, your child will bring home a **reading bookmark** containing a range of question prompts. We encourage you to use these prompts during reading sessions to promote meaningful conversations about books and to help deepen your child's understanding and enjoyment of reading.

We ask that **reading books and diaries** are returned to school each **Monday** to be changed. Please ensure your child reads their phonetically decodable book at least four times during the week to support consolidation of sounds, tricky words and understanding of the text. There will be more information sent soon about library books, which will also come home weekly.

Spelling and handwriting books will be sent home on **Thursdays**. To begin with, we will be focusing on handwriting and letter formation. Please encourage your child to form letters correctly and write carefully on the lines. This will be very new to the children, so it will take time! Please send the books back on **Wednesdays**. More information about spellings will be sent out when we introduce them to the children.

Drop off and Pick up

Children will now be dropped off and picked up by the side gate to the new Year One outside area.

If someone other than yourself will be picking up your child from school, please ensure you send in a written note with the arrangements so that we have your permission and are aware of the change.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact us, we are always happy to help!

Best wishes,

Miss Ewles

