



Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to welcome the children to Year 1 and are very much looking forward to teaching them over the course of the year at Boringdon. Please look out for emails and seesaw messages from the Year 1 team as once in a while we'll be in touch with information or updates.

This letter is intended to help children understand expectations for this term, organise themselves for activities like PE and remember Boringdon expectations for things like taking responsibility for their Homework. It is also intended as a guide for you, keeping you informed about our learning this term and reminding you of key dates and events.

The information below sets out the learning for the coming months but, as ever, if you have any questions about your child's learning or progress, please do not hesitate to contact us - our email addresses are overleaf.

English	Reading Read, Write Inc - Children will read in school every day and bring either a reading book or sheet home to share each day. Writing Read, Write Inc - Children will learn to write simple sentences with a focus on full stops, capital letters and fingers spaces. Please could reading books and reading records be brought into school every day.
Maths	Numbers to 10 Part - whole within 10, Addition and Subtraction, within 10, 2D and 3D shape, Numbers to 20.
Science	Plants and Seasonal changes
Computing	Kapow Improving mouse skills and algorithms
Geography	What are the geographical features of Plympton and why are they different?
Music	Charanga- Hey you and Christmas singing
Art and Design	Sculpture and 3D: Paper play
Design & Technology	Smoothies
Religious Education	What does it mean to belong to a faith community? What do Christians believe God is like?
Physical Education	Gymnastics, dance and multiskills.
History	How have musical instruments changed?
PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education)	Being Me in My World and celebrating differences



Homework - Will be handed out and collected in every Wednesday.

Children will receive weekly spellings to learn at home as well as an English and maths worksheet to complete. We expect the children to read at home daily for 10 minutes. The children select a new library book each Wednesday.

It is expected that the children practise their numbers, using Numbots, at least three times a week. Homework is to be handed in on a Wednesday, which is also when children will complete their spelling test.

PE Times

PE time for this term will be:

Tuesday and Thursday

Please ensure that your child has a school P.E kit. We request these are brought in from the first day of each term until we send them home before each holiday.

It is essential that all items are named as this ensures the safe return of lost pieces of kit. May we please stress that the children should wear school P.E kit (house team coloured t-shirt (plain or with school logo), plain black shorts and/or tracksuit bottoms). Over the past years, 'P.E kit' in a variety of styles and colours has been worn by some children. This mismatch of kit does not reflect the pride we have in our uniform and our school, and we are grateful for your support in ensuring that your child adheres to the acceptable kit.

Snacks/Water

As a Healthy School we encourage healthy snacks such as fruit. Fruit is also freely available in school. Your child will be able to eat their snack during morning break. We encourage children to bring in a bottle of water. Should they forget, cups are provided. It has been proven that keeping hydrated by drinking throughout the day improves concentration. Can we please emphasise that only a healthy snack such as fruit, cereal bars or vegetables are allowed for a break time snack.

Peanut & Nut Allergy

We now have a few children in our school with a severe peanut allergy. Just touching another child's hand or a wrapper that has contained peanuts or nuts could cause a severe life-threatening reaction. It would really help us to keep these children safe if you ensure your child brings no nut products to school in their packed lunch. Your support would be much appreciated.

We look forward to working alongside you over the course of the year to ensure your child has a happy and productive Year 1 that prepares them fully for the next stage of KS1.

Yours sincerely,

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