

# Welcome to Year One



Please find enclosed information about Year One.

Telephone: 0161 432 6809

Website: [www.st-thomasheaton.stockport.sch.uk/](http://www.st-thomasheaton.stockport.sch.uk/)

## **Book bags**

Please could your child bring their book bag into school everyday with their blue reading folder.

## **Reading**

Please listen to your child read for 10 to 15 minutes everyday as it will help develop their reading skills.

When you hear your child read please sign their home record and feel free to comment on how much they have read or how they read. Encourage understanding by discussing the story or information by asking questions.

Books will be changed once both books have been read and this is clearly recorded in the reading record.

Reading books will be changed on:

Miss Harnett's class - Monday and Thursday

Miss Wood and Miss Morton's class - Tuesday and Friday

Miss Metcalfe's class - Wednesday and Friday

## **Library Books**

Please return your library books to be changed on:

Miss Harnett's class - Monday

Miss Wood and Miss Morton's class - Wednesday

Miss Metcalfe's class - Wednesday

## **Water Bottles**

Please can all children have a clearly named water bottle, as this is the easiest way to keep them hydrated.

## **Phonics**

There is a strong emphasis on Phonics in Year One carrying on from the foundations laid in Reception. Phonics is fun! We play lots of games to support your child's reading, spelling and writing. At the end of the year, your child will take part in a Phonics check. We will provide further information closer to the time.

## **Homework**

Homework will be sent home on a Friday. These are weekly spellings based on your child's phonics teaching. The spellings will be checked the following Friday in a very informal way! We also send home practical maths and English challenges relating to the week's learning. These are often interactive and ICT based and do not need to be handed in.

## **P.E. Days**

Outdoor games is on a Tuesday afternoon with a sports coach.

Indoor P.E. days change half termly, therefore please ensure your child has a PE kit in school at all times.

P.E. kits will be sent home at the end of each half term for a good wash!

## **Home School Agreement**

These will be sent home separately for you to read, sign and send back to school.

## **Communication with School**

Information will be sent home via letters and emails. If you need a quick chat with one of us, feel free to grab us at the end of the day even if it is to book a longer appointment. Within the Year One team there is Mrs Cross, Mrs Tebb, Mrs Stafford and Mrs Brocklehurst who support the children's learning.

We can also communicate via Class Dojo, which you will need to sign up to at the beginning of the year (class teacher will send home information regarding the signing up process). Class teachers will only respond to messages during working hours and if we feel it is relevant to respond.

## **Website**

Lots of extra information is available on the website including details of the curriculum and the topics being covered in each term. Please do visit the website regularly as it contains information including school policies such as the behaviour policy, holiday dates and lots of other useful information.

We look forward to a wonderful year and if you need anymore information please don't be afraid to ask!

## **The Year 1 team**

Class Teachers—Miss Harnett, Miss Metcalfe and Miss Wood and Miss Morton.

Teaching assistants/support staff—Mrs Stafford, Mrs Cross, Mrs Brocklehurst and Mrs Tebb.