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YEAR 1 CLASS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school and to Year 1! We hope you all had a wonderful summer break. We are excited for the year ahead and hope your children are too. We will be working hard to get to know all the children as quickly as possible and help them feel happy and secure in the classroom.

I will be the main Year 1 class teacher and will be teaching in class every day except Tuesday, when Mrs Delacovias (Mrs D) will teach the class. We are also very lucky to have Mrs Rooma, Mrs Hobden, Mr Lee and Miss Callaghan as our class Teaching Assistants at different points in the week.

I will try to say hello at the door at the start of the day but can't get into lengthy conversations then, so please feel free to get in touch via the office at cumnorschool3223@cumnorschool.co.uk if there is anything you want to discuss, or let me know at the door, and I can call you back or arrange a meeting. I really do value the chance to connect with parents as I get to know your children, so don't be shy about saying hello!

Arrival and Departure

Children can arrive in the classroom from 8.35am and must be here by 8:50am when the register is taken. They will enter the classroom independently, but If your child is struggling to separate in the morning, do step to one side and take a few minutes to reassure them, and we will do everything we can to encourage them in!

At the end of the day (3:10pm), we will send the children out one at a time when we can see their grown up waiting – please do come and stand at the gate by the classroom door and don't be afraid to tell us your child's name, it will take us a little time to learn whose parent is whose! If your child is being collected by someone who is not their parent, or is going on the school bus, please send an email to the school office to let us know.

Equipment and personal belongings

Children should bring a named rucksack or a book bag containing a named water bottle and their school reading diary & books each day. Water bottles should contain water only please, no fizzy drinks or juice. Please check the bag regularly and ensure toys, keyrings, badges, sparkly fluff etc. stay at home! Children will have a peg in the corridor to hang their coat and bags on.

Please send in a PE bag with shorts/ leggings /joggers and a t-shirt in their house colour. This can stay in school all term. If your child gets messy or has a toilet accident, it may be necessary to change, so please pop a pair of pants and socks in there in a little plastic bag too. They should wear sensible,

comfortable shoes that they can run around in every day. They will also need a coat as we will be doing outdoor work every day, come rain or shine! On the “rain” note, children are welcome to keep named wellies in school as we will frequently be using the field, even if it is muddy. If they don't have wellies, it would be helpful to have a pair of trainers or PE shoes so that they can change between inside and outside.

Children in Key Stage 1 receive a free healthy snack each day under the Government School Fruit and Vegetable scheme so there is no need to send in snacks with your child. Children in Key Stage 1 are also entitled to a free school meal. Please remember we are a nut free school if you are packing a lunch for your child.

Homework

Homework in Year One is minimal and will be set on Google Classroom. If you haven't already, please join our classroom using the code **2cm7bwv**, or the invite link is here:
<https://classroom.google.com/c/NjMzMzkyNzU1NTQ4?cjc=2cm7bwv>

There is also a parent guide to Google Classroom here in case a refresher is useful!

<https://cumnorprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Parent-guide-to-google-classroom.pdf>

For the main part, homework in Year 1 is regular reading and practising spelling work. We will send home a reading book in your child's bag. Year Ones are expected to read daily at home and evidence of this should be recorded in the school reading diary. You can let me know when your child reaches the reading night milestones and we will celebrate this in achievement assembly.

Spelling work will be set on the Google Classroom each Wednesday, and we will have a spelling check each Tuesday morning to help the children practise what they have learned. They will put the check sheet in their book bag (usually) on Wednesday so you can see how they got on.

Topic

Our topics for this year are as follows:

- Term 1 – Space
- Term 2 – Castles
- Term 3 – Animals
- Term 4 – Weather & seasons
- Term 5 – Dinosaurs
- Term 6 – Adventures

If you or your family have any special expertise in the above, please do let me know! This term, I am particularly keen to know if there is anyone who

- knows about constellations or star-gazing
- remembers the first moon landings (maybe a grandparent or neighbour?)
- writes poetry

If any of those are you (or someone you know) and you / they might be willing to talk with the class, please drop me a line! Alternatively, parent volunteers to help listen to children read are also very welcome in Year 1 - if you can spare an hour either regularly or sporadically, you will be welcomed with open arms!

Advance notice

There will be a Reading meeting for parents and carers of children in Reception and Key Stage 1 on Wednesday 20th September at 2:30pm - 3:00pm in the hall. This is a chance to find out more about how we teach phonics and reading so that you can best support your child at home.

I am attaching an overview of the key areas of learning for this term.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Pearson