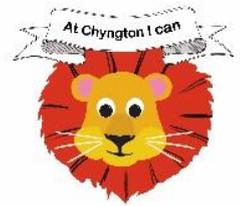




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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year! Our year 1 children have settled well and are demonstrating a real sense of responsibility and independence. We are lucky to have experienced and enthusiastic members of staff supporting us this year. Mrs Kathy Tucknott (TA3) will be working in 1B Mrs Dawn Lawrence and Mr Michael McLean will be working in 1S. As the children are now in year 1, they also benefit from two fantastic specialist teachers. Mr Marley-Payne will be teaching music in the classroom and Mr Adams will be teaching computing in the computing suite – which has been upgraded during the holidays!

This letter contains an outline of some of the work we will be covering during the next fourteen weeks of this term and takes us all the way up until Christmas (sorry for mentioning that word already!) as well as some ideas and information which we hope you will find helpful. There will be three learning journeys over the year.

Why do we have toys?

This learning journey will incorporate a range of subjects but will focus on historical elements, including origins of toys and the importance of possessions. This learning journey has been chosen to give children the skill set to develop learning through play and games, increase their social skills, how to look after things and to help in becoming a well-rounded individual.

English will focus on writing simple sentences. We will be encouraging the children to orally compose their sentences before writing. While recording their ideas, the children will be using capital letters, fingers spaces and full stops. In our daily phonics sessions, we will be looking at phase 3 letters and sounds; introducing new graphemes and practising segmenting and blending for reading. The children will also be using and applying their phonic knowledge in their writing to help with spelling. If you would like any additional resources to support your child at home with phonics, please let us know via dojo and we can provide these for you.

Maths will focus on calculation, looking at addition and subtraction; geometry, focusing on position and movement and more work on number and consolidating secure number bonds and numbers to 30. All children have been provided with a MyMaths login and there are homework activities for you to access on the site. There are also really helpful videos on the website that show the methods that we teach here at Chyngton. If you require more work or more challenging work, please send us a Class Dojo message and we will be able to assign you additional activities.

Science will focus on: animals, including humans and how we use our five senses. And plants, thinking about what plants are and identifying the different parts of plants. Science is being taught discretely this year, and both classes have a dedicated session for



this core subject. The children have been contributing to large 'floor books' and these are a collaborative record of our scientific journey.

In Life Skills (formally RSHE) we will be continuing to look at the Zones of Regulation, how having a growth mindset helps us when we are finding things a bit tricky and looking at the core British Values.

General Information

Reading

Reading, phonics and spelling are of utmost importance and the expectation at Chyngton is that all children read at least five times a week with an adult at home. Daily reading impacts measurably on your child's development as a reader, these sessions can be recorded in your child's reading diary – these new ones for Y1 are on order and will be sent home when they arrive. Your child will bring home a phonics book that they should be able to read independently. Mr Nhandra (Reading Lead) will be sending home some additional information for you and some techniques to try. They have also been able to visit the school library to bring home a book for reading for pleasure. Both classes visit the library on a Friday morning and children may keep the book for a week.

Spelling

Your child will continue to bring home spellings as they did in reception; these will be tested individually on a weekly basis. It is therefore imperative that the plastic wallets remain in their book-bags and are at school with them every day. The most recent highlighting indicates the words the children should be learning. Please practise these regularly with your children but kindly **DO NOT** tick or mark them as this is done by teachers when they are tested. The reception teachers have passed us up their previous booklets and these will be coming home again, once the plastic wallets have arrived.

Maths

Maths is one of the school's priorities. We continue to use NumberBlocks, Numicon and other practical apparatus to support teaching and learning, which encourages clear communication and active participation. We practise mental maths daily and will be introducing times tables shortly. You can help your child by practising counting in steps of 1, 2, 5 and 10. If they are confident with this then please support them initially with learning their two times table. If there are any calculation methods your children are learning that are unfamiliar, please feel free to discuss this with their teacher. All children have been provided with a NumBots login to use at home and these will be coming home shortly.

Homework

A homework grid will be sent home with a variety of tasks for the children to choose from. We ask that you return any completed work, and date the activity on the grid. We enjoy sharing and celebrating the children's homework efforts so do please remember to send them in. On occasions we will also send home an additional piece of Maths or grammar homework to complete. This will relate to what we have been learning that week in school.

P.E.

Please ensure that your child has the correct, **named** P.E. kit and plimsolls. Children should wear red shorts and a white tee-shirt. They can also wear black jogging bottoms

or leggings in the colder weather. Long hair should be tied up and earrings removed. 1B and 1S have P.E. on a Monday, and should come to school dressed and ready for PE.

Please, please, make sure your child's clothing is named, especially their jumpers and cardigans. When they are named they will nearly always find their way back to you!

Water

It is very important that children drink enough water in order to concentrate and work efficiently. Please ensure that your child has a labelled water bottle in school. A gentle reminder that in class there should only be water in the bottle, no juice please.

Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any queries or concerns about any of the above or your child settling in, please feel free to send us a message on Class Dojo or arrange a telephone call with the school office.

Kind Regards, Miss Amanda Barry and Miss Lisa Sayers