



# Coddington C of E

## Primary and Nursery School

### Welcome to Year 1

Our Teaching Team for September 2018  
Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Chappell,

#### **Latest Update -**

Welcome to Year One

We are all so excited to be back after the summer. We are ready for our Superheroes topic. We have lots of exciting learning to look forward too – including visits from real life superheroes - (police service, fire service etc), reading books from the Supertato series and creating our own Supertato and Evil Pea, and having an exciting superhero day!  
Year One Team

Important Dates for your Diary this term

Monday 25th September - INSET Day

Friday 20th October - Break up

HALF TERM

Monday 30th October - Return to school

Friday 22nd December - Break up for Christmas

#### **Reading**

Reading with your child on a regular basis makes a huge difference to their progress at this stage. Please feel free to help your child change their reading books as needed. If you need any advice please ask.

#### **The Year 1 Phonics Check**

This will take place in June. The children will be tested on 20 real words and also 20 pseudo words. We call these words "Spotty alien words". The children need to understand that these words are made up ones. To help them do this they have a picture of an alien beside them. They will need to use phonics to sound out these words. Some children try and make them into words they are familiar with, so we have been training them to recognise these and know they have to be sounded out. The pass mark is usually around 32 out of 40.

### **Year 1 Information**

#### **Drinks and Snacks**

It is recommended that every child brings in a water bottle each day. Please make sure the name is clearly labelled. Children are encouraged to bring in a healthy snack for morning break.

#### **Physical Education**

Both classes have at least two P.E. sessions a week. One is usually in the hall and, during the Summer term, one is outside. Currently our hall day is Wednesday and the outside day is

Thursday. As the hall can be in use for events we sometimes need to go outside during the Monday session also. Please ensure that your child's P.E. kit is in school from the first day. Kit must include: t-shirt, trainers or plimsolls, shorts and jogging trousers. We will send it home for washing at the end of each half term. Please make sure they have suitable clothing for each season and that all clothes are clearly labelled.

### **Homework**

In Year 1, children are expected to read every night for about 10 minutes.

Each child's book will be changed at least once a week (providing they are confident with it), but if a book is read confidently and needs to be changed, you may change it with your child after school.

Some children may have phonic activities, letter sounds or high frequency words to learn, these will be put into their book bag. Phonics sound mats will be sent home for your child to practice at home.

Occasionally, the children may be asked to find something at home, or look at something in relation to our topics.

### **Contacting the Year 1 Team**

Please feel free to speak to us at the start or the end of day with quick concerns or please feel free to book a time via the School Office to have a longer chat.

### **Curriculum Overview**

In Year 1, in line with the whole school we are adopting a topic based curriculum encompassing the required elements of geography, history, science, art, DT, music and RE. During each topic, our Literacy work will link with the topic area so that the reading and writing activities include examples of texts about the topic which the children will read and then write their own versions of. Lessons will also include some shorter sessions focusing on elements of spelling, punctuation and grammar. Although most Numeracy lessons will be separate to the main topic, where possible we will include skills such as drawing and interpreting data linking to the topic area.