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10th September 2021

Welcome to Year 1

Dear Parents/Careers of Owls and Woodpeckers,

Welcome to Year 1, we are happy and excited to welcome you back after the summer holidays.

The school day

Our school day is from **8:40 to 15:15**. If you arrive late please go to the school office to book in, as the register in class may have already been taken. Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time for the start of the school day and is collected promptly at the end of the day.

Uniform

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform and black shoes. Children should only wear one small stud earring. **All uniform, coats, book bags and lunchboxes should be clearly named.**

PE

For Owls, PE will take place on Wednesday and Thursday.

For Woodpeckers, PE will take place on Tuesday and Thursday.

On these days, your child should come to school in the correct PE kit. PE can take place both inside and outside, so make sure they are dressed appropriately.

Book bags and water bottles

Please ensure that your child has their named book bag and named water bottle (**water only**) in school every day. Please check your child's book bag each day, as letters are often sent this way.

Reading books

In Year 1 we have a big focus on reading, your child will have a daily phonics lesson and reading for pleasure lesson as well as reading with adults 1:1. In Year 1 we expect your child to read at least 3 times a week for a minimum of ten minutes. Your children will be getting two different types of reading books. One book will be a RWI book that is matched to their phonics/reading ability and the other is a 'Read with me' book, your child might not be able to read this book, but it is a great book to share together or even make up different stories using the pictures. Book change days are Monday and Thursdays. Reading at home with your child is extremely important and you should aim to listen to your child read 4 times and record this in their reading record.

Homework

We will have a half termly Homework Pick n Mix. This will be sent out next week and the children will have until the week beginning Monday 18th October to hand it in. There will be a selection of activities for you to choose

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from. Please ensure that your child completes a minimum of 3 activities one from each category of English, Maths and creative. All activities link directly with our learning in school.

Lunchtime and Breaktime

Your child does not need to bring a snack into school for breaktime. The children are provided with a healthy fruit or vegetable snack each morning, these are provided by the Government.

At lunchtime, your child can have a universal free school meal, or they can bring in a named packed lunch.

The curriculum

Each term we have a topic or theme that we focus our learning around, in the Autumn terms our topics will be:

Autumn 1 – In the Woods

Autumn 2 - Playtime

During the year we will have visitors in and visits out of school that enhance and broaden the children's learning and interests. We will also have opportunities for parents to attend assemblies, workshops, events and parents' evenings, when it is safe to do so.

Please see the attached 'Curriculum Map Overview' for the curriculum in Year 1.

Newsletters

During the term newsletters will be sent out sharing what we is happening at Shepherdswell Academy.

Website and social media

For further information and to keep up date with what is happening at Shepherdswell Academy, please visit our school website at or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

We are excited about the year ahead and if you have any questions please come and see us.

The Year 1 Team

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