



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year One!

We hope you have all had an enjoyable summer. We are really looking forward to getting to know the children over the coming days and weeks. During this term the children will be reading and writing stories, working with numbers to 20 and beyond, exploring their senses and developing their fine motor skills, amongst many other things. For more information, you can view our curriculum overview at:

<https://elmbridge-junior-school.secure-primariesite.net/year-1/>

Morning drop off

The outside classroom door will be open at 8.45am and shut promptly at 8.50am as per the timing information in the school prospectus. On arrival to school please remember to stand back from the door and allow the children to come in independently. Once inside your child can put their belongings away and will be directed to enter the classroom. It is important that all children arrive on time so that they can settle and be registered ready for learning to begin.

Please ensure your child brings their book bag and water bottle (**filled with water only**) to school each day, along with a waterproof coat. Please can all of your children's belongings be labelled (even shoes) to avoid items becoming muddled or lost. Please do not allow your child to bring in additional items from home e.g. toys or little trinkets. Children **DO NOT** need to bring pencil cases etc. from home as they will be required to use the stationary provided by school.

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Your child's PE lessons will take place on Mondays and Fridays. Please ensure that the correct PE kit is in school; red t-shirt, black shorts, outdoor trainers, spare socks and black joggers and tracksuit top for when the weather is chilly! Earrings **should not** be worn and all long hair (past shoulders) must be tied back. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns.

Outdoor Learning

The children will continue to access outdoor learning on a regular basis. To ensure that the maximum amount of time is spent outdoors we will be asking your child to come dressed in their outdoor learning kit on these days. Kit should comprise of long sleeved tops and trousers and a coat that might get muddy! Children should wear their school shoes to school and bring wellies with them to change into for each session. Outdoor learning takes place during the afternoon so please do not worry that they will be in dirty clothes all day! The table below tells you when each class will need to wear their kit to school.

Class 1	Tuesday 9 th September, 30 th September, 21 st October, 18 th November, 6 th January, 27 th January, 24 th February, 17 th March, 21 st April, 12 th May, 9 th June.
Class 2	Tuesday 16 th September, 7 th October, 4 th November, 25 th November, 13 th January, 3 rd February, 3 rd March, 24 th March, 28 th April, 19 th May, 16 th June.

Class 3	Tuesday 23rd September, 14 th October, 11 th November, 2nd December, 20 th January, 10 th February, 10 th March, 14 th April, 5 th May, 2nd June, 23 rd June.
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Homework

We cannot stress enough the importance of reading regularly at home and the impact that this has on all areas of your child's learning. To begin with your child's homework is to read their school book at home. Every child should **read at home at least three times a week**. Books will only be changed on a Monday and a Thursday and once your child has read their book 3 times. You will receive a letter with further information on about reading at home.

And finally ...

Please be reassured that we will work with each's child's starting points both academically and emotionally and our primary focus will be to give them a smooth transition where they feel confident and happy. We are looking forward to a happy year ahead.

The beginning of the school day is always very busy, therefore if you have any queries please speak to your child's Class Teacher at the end of the day. If you need to get a message to your child's class teacher urgently; please contact the hub - as often the day is too busy for us to check our emails until after the children have gone home!

Thank you for your on-going support.

Year 1 Team