



Dear Parents/Carers,








We can't believe we have already completed our first half term in Year 1. The children have settled in well and we can't believe the amount of progress they have made already. Let's make this next half term an amazing term for learning. This letter will tell you the information that your child will be learning about in class. Further information about their learning can be found on our school website.

Getting Ready to Come to School

Children will need to come to school every day:

- Wearing their school uniform
- With their bookbag and water bottle
- Ready to learn!

Our Learning:

 English	In English, our first unit is based around the story of 'Little Red'. Children will explore using questions. Their final piece of writing will be creating their own storyboard using questions and speech bubbles. Our next piece of writing will be based on the story 'Beegu'. Children will arrive in school one day to find a crashed spaceship in our corridor, and they must create a 'Lost Poster' to try and find the alien Beegu. Our final piece of writing will be based around the non-fiction book 'The Big Book of the UK', where the children will create a leaflet all about Abbey Hey Primary school for parents who would like their children to come to Abbey Hey.
 Maths	In Maths, the children will be learning addition and subtraction with 10 and beginning to look at 2D and 3D shapes.
 Science	In Science, our focus is physics. We will be learning about seasonal changes where we will look at the four different seasons and compare the weather in these seasons.
 History	In History, we will explore the question 'What was life, like in the past?' We will be looking at family history and how this has changed over time.
 Design and Technology	In DT, the children will be looking at food. Children will be preparing a colourful fruit salad and crudites.
 RE	In R.E. we will be learning about the Christmas and exploring the question 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?'
 PE	In P.E, the children will be focusing on gymnastics and football. They will be learning how change the shape of their bodies and how to throw and kick in different ways.

PE

Below is the day your child will take part in PE.

On this day your child must wear their PE kits to school.

Poppy Class – Monday

Daisy Class – Monday

Buttercup Class– Monday

Homework



Each week your child will be expected to complete a range of different homework tasks to help support their learning in school. All homework will be found on our school website under the Year 1 page.

Reading	Please support your child at home in ensuring that they are reading each day independently and to you. They must also have opportunities to listen to an adult read to them. Once you have read with your child, please make a comment in their reading record.
Learning with Parents	This is a platform we use to record reading at home and in school. Please log all reading done at home on this website.
myON	Each week children are expected to log on to myON and read at home. The child who completes the most amount of reading each week will be awarded with a certificate.
Letter Join	Children have their Letter Join login stuck on the front cover of their reading record. Children should access letter formation videos that will support them with their handwriting. Handwriting sheets will also be sent home each week.
Phonics	Phonics videos will also be shared on Class Dojo weekly. Please practise phonics every day as we get the children ready for the phonics screening.

In class we would love to celebrate the amazing homework children do at home. This means that any time your child completes a piece of homework, send a photo to your class teacher on Class Dojo so it can be celebrated and rewarded. Children will receive Class Dojo points for completing their homework.

Attached to this letter you will find your child's Knowledge Organisers. You can use the information on their Knowledge Organisers to test your child's recall of facts and their understanding of the new vocabulary listed.

If you require any additional information, please contact your child's class teacher on Class Dojo, who will be happy to assist you.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

The Year 1 team