



Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School

"Let faith be your shield"

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Dear Year 1 Parents,

Welcome to Year 1! What a strange year it has been up until now. We fully appreciate that everybody will have had different experiences over the last six months and that coming back to school will be fun for some but worrying for others. Please be reassured that we are doing our best to make this transition as smooth as possible.

Mrs Boyle will be the class teacher and will benefit from also having Mrs Cocker every morning and Miss Winder on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon.

Our windows will be open to increase our ventilation so please make sure your child brings a jumper/cardigan and extra layers if needed.

Reading- Your child will have a home -school reading book that will stay at home to try to stop paper being passed forward and backward. I will ask for your reading records every couple of weeks and after being in quarantine, we will count how many books your child has read. Every time they read their book, we will keep a record and put it onto the 'Reading Rocket'. As they move up the rocket there will be rewards, for example when your child has changed their book ten times they will get a special reading sticker and can move their name up the rocket.

Next week, we will be sending a separate letter about reading books as we are trialling the best way to keep it Covid-safe for staff and parents. We will be assessing your children to find the right book level before sending a book home. Your child will continue to have a 'Guided Read' group session at least once a week.

PE- our PE days are Mondays and Tuesdays (with Coach Jeremy) and Fridays, allowing the children opportunities to take part in games and looking particularly at their fundamental skills e.g. skipping, hopping, kicking, throwing etc. this term. Please ensure your child has their kit in school and that all items are clearly labelled with their full name, not just initials. We will try to be outside as much as possible so we will wear our school jumper and cardigans.

Our topic this half term is 'Ourselves' where we will be discussing our feelings/emotions, labelling the skeleton, learning about our five senses and discussing how to keep our bodies healthy. We will also be looking at Harvest in R.E. In History, we will be discussing the difference between past and present in their own lives so if you would like to email me a baby photo then we will explore how we have changed.

We hope you will continue to help your child at home by keeping up regularly hearing them read all kinds of books. We would like you to read to your child, or hear them read to you every night for a few minutes please, as this really helps their skills develop. Doing calculations 'in their heads' is also very valuable.

I am looking forward to some exciting times ahead and I hope your child is too. If you want to know anything else or have any questions please do let me know.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Boyle and the Year 1 Team

