



# St. Anne's Catholic Primary School



## Welcome to Year 1!

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome to Year 1.

We look forward to getting to know you and your children this year.

Your children are at the heart of everything that we do. They will be given lots of opportunities to consolidate learning and development. We understand each child is unique and will reach milestones at different times.

Over the past eighteen months, children have experienced unusual times. We hope to regain all of our systems and routines and know you will be fully supportive in this.

Please familiarise yourselves with the housekeeping for the coming year. If you have any questions, our door is always open.

If you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

We value your co-operation and continued support in helping your child to achieve their potential and develop confidence through a happy and enthusiastic learning environment.

With many thanks,

**The Year 1 team**

### Autumn

In the Autumn term during the topics of "Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds" and "Our World" the children attend Forest School and experience a visit from the handwashing nurse.

### Spring

In the Spring term, the children visit Knowsley Safari Park which links to the themes of "We are Explorers" and "Animal Kingdom." A visit from the Museums Education brings the history topic of "The Great Fire of London" to life!



### Summer

In the Summer term, as part of the topics "We Are Scientists," "We Are Creative" and "We Are Eco-Warriors And We Care" the children observe and study the life cycle of the butterfly.



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### Highlights

To enhance learning in our science theme of 'Animals' children will be invited to Knowsley Safari Park in the spring term. They will also be given an opportunity to inspect artefacts about The Great Fire of London. A performance is planned for later on in the year. Details of these highlights will follow nearer the time.

### Year 1 PE

Classes 3 & 4 will have PE sessions on **Thursday** mornings and **Wednesday** afternoons. We would like the children to come **in to school** in their full school PE kit on **both days**, with their school jumper/ cardigan over the top to keep them warm during the school day. Trainers or black pumps should also be worn with the PE kit.



### Homework

#### Homework:

Spellings will be given out each Friday linked to the children's current phonics phase. Your child will bring home their spelling book for you to see how they did—please give them lots of encouragement. Your child will have a Class Charts account and password. Here you will find details and explanations for homework which could be set on Education City or Purple Mash. You can also see how many positive behaviour points have been awarded.

If you do not have access to a computer or i-Pad, don't worry, just let us know.

#### Reading:

Each Friday your child will bring home two reading books. These should then be returned into school the following Thursday and will be swapped for a two more to take home on Friday.

To develop your child's comprehension skills whilst reading at home, ask questions about what they have just read such as:

Who? What? Where? Why? How?

**Please get into the habit of returning spelling books and reading books each Thursday.**

**POLITE REMINDER:** Please write in the children's reading journals each week. We need your comments as evidence your child has read, and in order to award the children with our bronze, silver and gold reading awards throughout the year.

#### Guided Reading:

Your child will read as part of a small group with their teacher each week. Guided reading books are a level above those that are brought home.



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### Equipment for Year 1

#### **Book-Bags:**

Children should have a book-bag clearly labelled with their name

- No rucksacks please as we do not have the space.

#### **Water bottles:**

Evidence shows that children who are hydrated, have better cognitive function. Please send in a full drinks bottle, clearly labelled each day. Please do not give your child fruit juice or squash—water only please!



### Snack year 1

We will continue the EYFS model of offering snack in addition to fruit and milk.

As a Year 1 staff we pay for this ourselves and your voluntary contribution of £1.00 per week would be greatly appreciated.

We find that children are hungry by mid-morning, and snack helps them to increase their stamina until lunch time at 12.15.

If you would like your child to have snack each morning, we find paying each half-term is more manageable. This half-term is 7 weeks long so will cost £7.00.

Alternatively, you can pay £1.00 each week if this is easier.

Please place any money into an envelope with your child's name clearly labelled.

If your child has food intolerances or allergies, please speak directly to their teacher.

### Communication

Make sure you follow us on \*Twitter. We aim to tweet daily about something that has been happening in class.

**Class 3:** @Class3KA\_NR

**Class 4:** @Class4KR

We also tweet our Mission Statement and Star of the Week award children on our main school Twitter page—watch out for your child!

Follow this page on @StAnnesOrmskirk

\*Consent required

