Monday 1st September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. Over the next half term, Year 1 will be following two units of work called ‘Brain Waves’ and ‘Learning Safely Online’. The main subjects covered will be Science and PSHE, including exploring how the brain works, how it enables us to learn and how it manages our emotions and how to stay safe online.

The Year 1 team will be holding a curriculum meeting for the Autumn term on Tuesday 2nd September 2025, 9-9:30am in the school hall.

**In English, pupils will:**

* Orally compose a sentence.
* Record a sentence.
* Use a capital letter and full stop.
* Correct basic errors in sentences.
* Read and discuss different poems.
* Explore the meaning of new language.
* Recognise words that rhyme.
* Use adjectives to describe.
* Use ‘and’ to join sentences.
* Re-read sentences to check they make sense.

**In Maths, pupils will:**

* Explore place value to 10.
* Represent numbers using objects, numerals and words.
* Count forwards and backwards within 10.
* Find 1 more and 1 less.
* Compare and order numbers.
* Explore the number line.
* Explore parts and wholes.
* Understand addition and subtraction.
* Explore number bonds to 10.

**In Science, pupils will learn:**

* How learning is like a jigsaw.
* The eight personal goals.
* The difference between knowledge and skills.
* How to keep our brains healthy.

**In PSHE, we’ll be exploring:**

* How the brain works.
* The different ways in which we learn.
* The impact of exercise on our bodies.
* How our emotions can impact our ability to learn.

**In Computing, we will learn:**

* How to stay safe online
* Explore the different parts of a computer
* Understand how to use a mouse
* How to save our work
* How to move a text cursor
* To type

**In Music, we’ll be finding out about:**

* "Pulse" using our bodies and instruments to respond musically to a variety of musical traditions.
* Short rhythmic techniques to play or sing along to different tempo.

**In PE, pupils will learn:**

* To practise skills for special athletic challenge.
* To assess the development of our skill over time.

**In Art, pupils will:**

* Learn about colour theory, introducing the use of secondary colours.
* Use a variety of media using painting, drawing and shading skills.

**In French, pupils will:**

* Actively participate and enjoy six traditional nursery rhymes in French.
* Start to understand and decode more of the spoken/sung French we hear

**PE**

Children should come to school wearing their PE kits on the following days:

* Chaplin - Thursday & Friday
* Yousafzai – Monday & Friday
* Scott – Wednesday & Friday

**Reading**

Please continue to read with your child regularly and record this in their Reading Record. The expectation is that reading takes place at home at least 3 times per week. In Year 1, children must bring their reading into school every day. Books will be changed on Monday and Thursday.

**Homework**

Homework will be sent home on a Friday and due in on Wednesday. The expectation is that one piece of homework is completed each week.

**Phonics**

Each week your child will receive a phonics homework. Please support your child to practise and reinforce the phonemes and graphemes we are learning in school.

We already know the interest you take in your child’s work. If you can, please discuss with your child the work they have done as the term progresses and let them teach you.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Davey/Miss Underwood Mr Stephenson Mr Carnegie