## Welcome to Year One

Hello Year One families! We're so excited to embark on this adventure with you and your child. To help our days flow smoothly and keep everyone happy and safe, here are a few friendly reminders:

### **Water Bottles**

- Your child is welcome to bring a named water bottle.
- We send bottles home each day for a quick wash and refill.
- To keep spills—and small hands—stress-free, we ask that no Stanley-style cups are sent in.

#### Communication

- If you need to share a quick note, please hand it in when your child arrives or pop into the office—bags won't be checked in the morning.
- For longer chats or questions, we're always happy to call you back or arrange a meeting.
- Our class Open Door is every Monday from 3:15–3:45 pm—no appointment needed.

### **Uniform & Appearance**

- All items, including PE kit, should be clearly named.
- Hair accessories should match school colours; please avoid oversized bows.
- Hair longer than shoulder length needs to be tied up for active learning and safety.

### **PE Days & Earrings**

- Your child should come in their PE kit on their scheduled day (Year 1 PE is on Mondays this half term).
- For everyone's safety, earrings must be removed on PE days. Children who can't remove them will sit out of the session.

### **Snacks & Lunch**

- Please pack only healthy playtime snacks (fruit, breadsticks, cereal bars, rice cakes).
- Treats like biscuits, chocolate, and cake are best saved for home.
- KS1 school meals are free! Your child chooses their lunch option each morning during registration.

### **Home Reading & Bags**

- Books will stay in school until we've read them up to three times together.
- Home readers go home on Thursdays and should return on Mondays.
- Lost or damaged books incur a £6 replacement charge.
- We have space for reading bags only—please leave rucksacks at home.

Here is a timetable of where your child will be on what day:

|           | Morning              | Afternoon         |
|-----------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Monday    | Year 1 Mrs Lucarelli | Class 1/Class 2   |
| Tuesday   | Year 1 Mrs Lucarelli | Class 1/Class 2   |
| Wednesday | Year 1 Mrs Lucarelli | Year 1 Mrs Bamber |
| Thursday  | Year 1 Mrs Bamber    | Class 1/Class 2   |
| Friday    | Class 1/Class 2      | Class 1/Class 2   |

# Suggestions for Home Learning activities

- Reading, reading and more reading.
- Counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s
- Learning Tricky words (see the sound sheet)
- Learning the sounds that we have covered in school.
- Any activity which involves talk: baking, walks, board games, craft, outdoor play.
- Fine motor and gross motor activities; sports, bike/scooter riding, cutting out, colouring, craft etc.

We look forward to working with you and your child this year. Thank you for your support, and please feel free to reach out with any questions or ideas!

Mrs Lucarelli, Mrs Bamber and Miss Wilson