

## Year 1 Information 2024

*If there are any unanswered questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school email system: [contact@engayne.co.uk](mailto:contact@engayne.co.uk) or class dojo.*

**Collection time:** Year 1 finish for the day at 3:20pm and are collected from the KS1 playground. Year 1 will line up on the right-hand side of the playground near the gym. We will be sharing the playground with year 2 so it will get very busy, please keep younger children with you (please also refrain from letting them play on the equipment while waiting for your child to be dismissed).

### **Items permitted in school:**

- Children will need to bring in their Engayne book bag with reading books and diary daily - no rucksacks please.
- Water bottles are to be brought in daily. A sports style cap is much better as they are less likely to spill. Please label with your child's name. Water bottles can be refilled at classroom taps.
- Children do not need to bring in any stationery items, this will all be provided in class.
- If sending in a home packed lunch, please make sure it is named.
- School dinners are provided free for all children.
- Birthday treats are fine to send in if they are individually wrapped items which can be sent home with classmates easily.

**Snacks/milk:** Milk is only available to those who have paid for the scheme – please notify the office if your child would like to be added to the milk scheme. Free fruit/vegetables are available at play time, a snack from home is not needed.

**Reading:** In class, individual reading will be completed as well as shared reading as part of lesson time. In due course, we will be sending home a reading book for the children to share at home. Please complete the guidance of **three home reads every week** to best support your child. Bug Club reads can also be

recorded in the yellow diary as part of the three reads per week. The 'Share Your Love of Reading' initiative will be taking place each term. Please ensure a piece of evidence is given for each challenge.

Swimming is every week:

1J- Monday

1W- Monday

PE lessons are every week:

1J- Friday

1W- Tuesday

Please note: We will occasionally complete PE as a year group, therefore PE days may be slightly different at times. Children need outdoor (navy tracksuit bottoms and jumper) and indoor kit at all times. Please ensure that children have plimsolls/trainers in their PE bag. If they have laces, please ensure that your child has practised fastening these at home independently. Names written in PE items and uniform help greatly when locating lost items. The children will keep their PE kits in school and they will be sent home at the end of each half term.

**Art:** We have plenty of aprons at school for messy activities, please don't worry about sending one in from home.

**Phonics:** Children will be completing phonics sessions every day. Spelling tests will begin further into the Autumn term, this will be communicated on their homework sheet.

**Phonics Screening Test:** In June 2025, children in Year 1 are scheduled to take the national Phonics Screening Check. Children will apply their phonic knowledge

to read 40 real and pseudo (alien) words which they need to decode independently. More information will be given regarding this closer to the time.

**Homework:** After an initial settling period, homework will be set online. Children will be set a selection of activities on programmes such as Bug Club. We use Numbots in year 1, rather than 'Times Tables Rockstars' as it is designed for the pupils in KS1. Usernames and passwords will be found in the yellow reading diaries for your use. These will be sent home shortly.

**Targets:** Personal Maths and English targets will be shared at Meet the Teacher evenings.

**Classroom Procedures:** Rewards, such as star of the day/week, secret student, stickers, house points, dojo points and prizes are given by class teachers for following school rules. Warnings are given according to the school behaviour policy. When using computing equipment, e-safety rules are followed. Please encourage your children to also follow the e-safety rules at home – please refer to the e-safety policy on the school website.

**Useful information:** Some documents to assist you in terms of reading, spelling and the Year 1 curriculum will be available on the Year 1 webpage of the school website.

Lastly, we would like to say thank you in advance for your patience during dismissal time while we check passwords and get to know you all. We know how difficult it is at the beginning of the academic year and with the new changes to the school day timings. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

Kind regards,

Mrs Whitehead and Miss Jupp