



# St Clement Danes Church of England Primary School

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Dear Year 1 Parents and Carers,

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## WELCOME TO YEAR ONE!

Welcome to Year 1! The children have had a fantastic start to the year and we are looking forward to a term full of learning and fun. There are lots of changes for the children including a new classroom, a new timetable, new topics and new challenges. We are delighted to have Ms Fiona with us in Year 1. Please read below for some of the crucial bits of information that will help us make these changes as smooth as possible for them.



### Topics

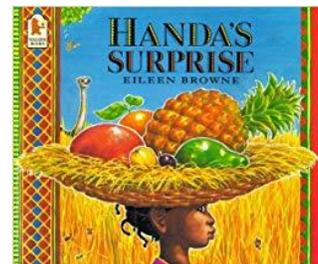
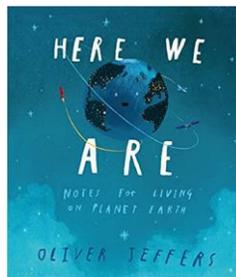
*Animal Kingdom* is our first topic in Year 1 this year. Through this topic we will be learning about animals, including humans. We are looking forward to aliens landing in the playground, animal spotting, drawing, labelling and exploring the many ways in which animals are grouped.



### Reading

Phonics continues to be a focus in Year 1 so it is important to please make time to read with your child every single day. Your child will be given a reading log and we would ask you to write a brief comment with the date whenever you read together. Your child will be assigned a group and specific book changing day that will be stuck on the inside cover of their individual reading log. Please ensure their reading log, phonics book, reading book and library book are all brought in on that day to be checked and changed.

Class texts include:



### Spellings

Each week we will have a spelling 'game' (*test*) on a Friday. We will send home the sounds the children are learning for that week and example words for you to practise at home stuck into a little blue spelling book. They will be tested on up to 10 of those words. There will also be 2 tricky words/common words which the children will need to learn off by heart. The week's spellings will go out on a Friday. To start with, the children will be revising some sounds they should know well to ease them into the spelling routine. Please ensure blue spelling books are returned to school by Friday each week.





## Maths

In maths the children will spend the first few weeks revising numbers to 10. The focus is on place value (ordering, comparing, representing) and fluency in number (counting forwards, backwards, one more, one less etc) as this will lay the foundation for the rest of the year in our maths learning. The children will be using hands-on resources in their daily work in order to foster a deep understanding of number.



## Homework:

Look out for your child's homework folder containing their Maths and English homework books in the coming weeks. There will be pages assigned each week to be completed and returned to school on Mondays. Please only complete the correct week's homework as it will link with what we are learning in class.



## Uniform

It has been wonderful to see so many children looking so smart at the start of the school year. Please look on the website to see a full list of what your child should be wearing every day. It is also really important for children to have the correct PE kit in school. This includes suitable footwear for games outdoors. We do PE on a Monday and Friday. We sent home PE kits at the end of last week as many had been school over the summer. Please return them to school once you have had chance to wash them and we will then keep them in school until the end of the term. Please ensure that all items of clothing are named to avoid any confusion!

## Healthy Schools



We are proud to have a 'Healthy School' award – please ensure you do not bring sweets/crisps etc on to the playground at the end of the day for your child to eat on the school premises. Children are given a fruit or vegetable snack at playtime, but may bring a piece of fruit from home if they prefer: no cereal bars or other foods please. Please ensure children have a bottle with them each day, filled with water (no juice/squash). A reminder that children are welcome to bring in fruit or special stickers to share with the class on their birthdays – no cakes or sweets please. Changing to or from packed lunches can be processed at the start of each half term only. Dinner money is paid via School Gateway (children are not to bring any money to school).

## Useful Information



- If your child is off school, please ring the office as soon as possible to let us know.
- If your child comes to school with bruises etc please let us know if they have had an accident.
- Do read the whiteboard in the Atrium daily to stay up to date with information from school.
- Please read newsletters and return any slips promptly as this really helps keep things running smoothly.

Year 1 Timetable	
<b>Monday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Maths and English homework due</li> <li>✓ Indoor PE</li> <li>✓ Circles book change day</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Rectangles book change day</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Maths and English homework given out</li> <li>✓ Triangles book change day</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Squares book change day</li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Outdoor PE</li> <li>✓ Return spelling books to school</li> <li>✓ Spelling game</li> <li>✓ Pentagons book change day</li> </ul>

Please do watch the welcome video which also contains important information. If you have any quick questions, please feel free to catch me in the line at the beginning of the day or the playground after school. For anything longer, a telephone meeting with me can be arranged by contacting the school office. As always, if you have a concern regarding another child in the class, please come and see me rather than speaking to the child or their parent.

Thank you for all your help in supporting your child's learning at home. It has been lovely getting to know you and your children over the past couple of weeks and I am looking forward to a wonderful year together.

Kind Regards,

Miss Lucas  
Year 1 Class Teacher