



Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Year One and Year Two

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming the children back after the summer holidays. We hope that you have all had a lovely time, and that the children are ready for the new school year.

This term's topic is called 'Once upon a time'. You will receive an email shortly with an overview of the learning being covered by their particular year group. We are excited to be having a fairy tale WOW day linked to our topic, more details to follow.

In the second half term, the Year Two children will be going on a walk around Findon village to learn about their local environment which is linked to the geography curriculum. More details to follow.

The Year One and Year Two children will bring home weekly homework tasks beginning the week of the 15<sup>th</sup> September. The homework will be given out on a Thursday and will need to be handed in on the following Tuesday. We encourage all the children to read daily at home, as this ensures they will progress with their reading skills.

We will be continuing with our reading sticker system to celebrate reading the Year One and Year Two children are doing at home. We would like the children to read five times on separate days. Each time a child reads at home they will be given a star sticker to put on their chart, which will be kept in the reading record book. If a child reads five times, they will be given a reading star sticker to wear. When the child has got five reading star stickers, they will receive a reading certificate. Please write in your child's reading diary when you hear them read. We very much value your support with reading at home, by working together we can ensure your child achieves their best outcomes. If you require any further guidance regarding reading, or wish to discuss the sticker system, please ask your child's class teacher.

This year each year group in K.S.1 will focus on cooking for one term. Year One will be cooking in the spring term and Year Two will be cooking in the summer term.

All children will need to bring in a clearly named P.E kit (red T-shirt, black shorts, and a pair of plimsols or trainers). These must be placed in a named PE bag. Please ensure your child has jogging bottoms or leggings for the cold months as we will be going outside for P.E for all of the autumn and spring term.

All children should bring a named water bottle into school every day. Please ensure that it has a sports cap to drink from rather than a screw top lid. The water bottle will be sent home daily

to be washed out and refilled. Please do not put water bottles in book bags as leakages ruin books.

All children will need a warm, waterproof coat in school as we will be going out in cold weather.

All children will need a named book bag to keep their reading book and reading record book in. Due to space issues, children in K.S.1 will not be able to bring rucksacks into school. They will need to use book bags, which will be kept in the classroom for easy access. Their book bags will need to be brought into school every day. The homework will be brought home in your child's book bag each Thursday. Please have one key ring attached to your child's book bag, this will help your child to identify their book bag easily when they are in the classroom. Please only have one key ring, as there isn't enough space in the storage boxes for more than this. Your support is very much appreciated.

Although all KS1 children are provided with a free fruit or vegetable snack, some children may wish to bring in their own snack too, please ensure this is a piece of fruit or vegetable.

It is useful to have spare (named) clothes readily available at school in case of any accidents or if your child has gotten muddy or wet and needs dry clean clothes. These can be kept in a named bag on their peg, until needed.

Miss Cove, Mrs Lax, Mrs Lorne and Mrs Bush are always around at the end of the day if you need to pass on any messages. However, if you need to chat about something in greater length then we will happily make an appointment to talk to you.

We are all looking forward to the forthcoming term and working with you to ensure we get the best outcomes for the children.

Kind regards,

Mrs Kate Lax, Mrs Hannah Lorne, Miss Lucy Cove and Mrs Jackie Bush