









Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to Year 1! We hope you have had an enjoyable summer break and are as excited about being back at school as we are!

Your children have had a wonderful first week in Oysters and Pearls class and we have been incredibly impressed with how well they have settled into their new routines.

Please find below key information about Year 1 staff and our weekly routines.

Our teachers:		Our Year 1 team:	
 		   	
Mrs O'Keeffe Oysters class	Mr Mead Pearls class	Mrs Perry	Mrs Apps Mrs O'Neill Mrs Thornton
Mrs O'Keeffe will teach Oysters Class from Monday to Thursday. Mrs Apps will teach Oysters class with Mrs O'Neill on Fridays.			
PE: P.E will take place twice a week (Tuesday and Friday afternoons) Where possible, it will take place outdoors so please ensure your child has suitable clothing for cold weather in the Winter months (joggers, jumper) as well as shorts and a t-shirt for indoor PE. Kits can be brought to school at the beginning of each term, stored at school, then returned to you at the end of each term to be washed. Please make sure your child's uniform <u>and</u> P.E kit are all named!		Reading: Your children will have the opportunity to choose one coloured book-banded book per week, which will be changed on a Friday. These books are in-line with their reading knowledge and are intended to be read by your child multiple times before they are changed, in order to build confidence, fluency and expression. A few weeks after starting Y1, your child will have an online e-book assigned to them that relates to the phonics they are currently learning in school. A letter will also be sent home with more information about accessing Little Wandle ebooks.	
Drop off / Pick up: All Year 1 children will begin their day by entering through the door on the patio to their Classroom. There will always be a member of staff to welcome your child and take any messages for the day.		Drinks: Please send your child to school with a named water bottle each day.	
Help at home: Please try to read daily with your child at home. Please read the newsletter for weekly updates of our learning and important dates for the diary. If there are any additional activities set outside of our normal school week, we will inform you in advance.			

We are always happy to help with any questions or concerns you may have so please do not hesitate to ask! We are very much looking forward to getting to know you and your children and are excited for the year ahead!

Best Wishes,

Mrs O'Keeffe & Mr Mead