



Friday 14th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year One! We are looking forward to a busy and exciting Autumn term. The purpose of this letter is to give you an overview of the topics, areas of learning, general systems and routines for this term.

Literacy

We will be working on our phonics and writing skills in Year 1 through a variety of genres and text types including poetry, narrative and non-fiction writing. To support children in their writing, Brookfield staff have identified key areas of writing that our children would particularly benefit from focusing on. Creativity and expression are real strengths of Brookfield writers and this will continue to be celebrated and promoted in class. These more technical elements of writing are going to be a big focus at Brookfield this year, with the expectation that children confidently and consistently demonstrate their year's elements by the end of the summer term. Part of these Non-Negotiables include the spellings identified by the National Curriculum and high-frequency words that children continue to misspell. Please keep both lists in a place where your child can easily refer to when writing.

Phonics

The children will have a **daily** phonics session from 9-9.30am, therefore we would like to politely remind you that your child must arrive at school promptly.

Reading

Children's reading books will be checked **daily**. Please ensure that you write the date, the book your child has read, and leave any comments about your child's reading you feel are necessary. This will encourage the children to read on a regular basis, allow them to become more independent and help them to progress more quickly with their reading. Please ensure you write in the title of the book that your child has chosen in their yellow PACT book in order to receive a new book the following day. The colour banded books work at their **current** level as a means of practice so that they can be challenged and ready to apply their skills at school.

Maths

In Year 1 the children will be using both mental and written methods to solve problems. They will be provided with learning opportunities that will enable them to utilise their knowledge and skills to solve and interpret real life problems and scenarios. There will be a 'PAC Maths' workshop after half term on **Tuesday 4th December 2018** and more information will be provided at the curriculum meeting. This is a chance for parents and carers to take part in a hands-on maths session with their children.

Cross-curricular

Our topics this term are 'Marvellous Me' and 'London'. History and Geography will be covered through a range of topics including birthdays, where they live and London through time. Linking to our topic about London in term 2, we will be visiting the Tower of London.

Computing

We will be using the computing curriculum to develop the children's computing skills. Our topics this term are: 'All About Me' and 'We are coders.' We will also use computing skills in other areas of the curriculum including Literacy, Numeracy and Science.

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RE

This year at Brookfield we will be doing RE a little differently by dedicating a full day once a term to our chosen topic rather than on a weekly basis. This is something working well in schools across Camden. Our 'RE day' this term will be looking at 'Celebration' in Christianity with a link to harvest.

Music

During Autumn 1 we will be having weekly drumming sessions with our specialist drumming teacher Tanya. In Autumn 2 we will be exploring pulse and rhythm.

P.E.

In PE we will be practising dance and games. **Please make sure your child always has a P.E kit for these sessions, including trainers or plimsolls. It is essential that this is clearly labelled with your child's name.** You can purchase a Brookfield P.E. kit at the office if needed.

Key dates for your diary:

September – Harvest Assembly
17th September – Y1 Curriculum Meeting
Wb 1st October- Beginning of Black History Month
5th October-INSET day (**school closed**)
11th October- Open Afternoon
12th October- 1L Owl Bookshop trip
15th October- 1C Owl Bookshop trip
19th October- RE day
w.b 22nd. October – Half term break
30th October- 1C to Tower of London
5th November 1L to Tower of London
wb 12th November- Anti- Bullying Week
19th November- Phonics assessments
4th December – PAC Maths
21st December – Last day of term

We will inform you of any other key dates as soon as possible

As always, we are very keen to have volunteers to accompany us on trips and outings. We welcome support from parents and carers to enhance children's learning. If you have any specialist skills or talents that you can offer please come and talk to one of us.

There will be an opportunity to discuss the Year 1 curriculum at a Curriculum Meeting to be held on **Monday 17th September 2018** from 9-9.15am and would like to invite you to join us for tea & coffee from 9.15-9.30 following the meeting. This will provide you with the opportunity to find out more about what we will be learning this term and discover the exciting new curriculum following an integrated learning model.

Please do not hesitate to contact us in the playground at the end of the day, by email or through the school office if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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Reminders

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