

A new school year...

Welcome to Year 1! We hope you have had a lovely time over the summer holidays and are ready to start the new school year. We are very much looking forward to getting to know you and working together so that we can have a very successful, exciting and productive year. We have lots of exciting topics to explore and we hope that you enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 1 has to offer!

Helping your child at home

You will have noticed a help sheet in your child's book bag. This sheet shows you the letter formation we use in school and also give some ideas on how you might help your child with reading, writing and mathematics. We really appreciate your comments in your child's reading record.

Reading in Year 1...

You can make a difference!

Reading is a very important part of the curriculum and children throughout the school are encouraged to read, both in school and at home. Each child has been provided with a book to read at home, which we would like to be read **every night**. Please log in your child's reading record when you have read with your child.

Also, **it is crucial that your child has their book bag (with their reading book in it) in school every day.**

Becoming independent learners...

We try to promote independence in Year 1, so please try and encourage your child to enter the classroom on their own in a morning, allowing them to take charge of putting away their own belongings.

From Reception to Year 1...

In Year 1, we aim to make the transition from reception a smooth and enjoyable one for the children. We have incorporated lots of activities into each Year 1 classroom, which the children are already familiar with, as well as lots of new ones, to make their learning experience as exciting and inspiring as we can. The children will be required to engage in more guided tasks, therefore reducing the amount of play-based learning being carried out in the classroom.

Reminders

- * PE in **Year 1** will be every **Thursday**. Throughout the year, various visitors will be coming to work with us, so **please ensure your child has a PE kit (t-shirt, shorts and pumps) in school every day. If your child wears earrings, please ensure they are removed on these days** as teachers can not be responsible for this, so any child who can not remove them themselves, could miss out on their PE lesson.
- * Children now need to pay for milk. Please visit www.coolmilk.com to pay in advance for your child milk.
- * Can we remind you that if you have any queries or concerns that you contact your child's teacher via their school email account. Under no circumstances should any member of staff be contacted via their own personal social media accounts.
Yellow Class: missclark@parksideggi.org
Blue Class: mrsMcCowen@parksideggi.org
- * *We are holding a meeting for all Year 1 parents to give information about the year ahead. These are on Monday 11th September at 8:45 or 2:45. Please make sure your child is represented at one of these meetings.*

Some of the books we will read during shared reading time are, I am Too Absolutely Small for School, The Wonderful Mrs Plumbery, When an Elephant Comes to School and Handa's Surprise.

Our topics for this term are:

- 1. Where in the world are we? 2. Light and Festivals.**

We look forward to working with you this year.

Many thanks,

Miss Clark and Mrs McCowen

