



September 2023

Dear All,

Welcome back parents and carers of Class One children. I hope you all had a great summer and that you and your children are as ready for a brilliant school year as we are!

Here are some reminders first:

- Please make sure all your child's belongings have their name on so we can return them to you.
- Make sure your child has a water bottle and waterproof coat in school every day.
- PE kits should be in school all the time.
- It would be great if your child has wellies in school all the time.

We have an exciting half term ahead!

Phonics - We are really enjoying our Little Wandle Phonics and have already started learning our sounds. We will continue to learn phonics every day of class one, and our reading groups linked to this will start next week. For our new children, we have three separate reading sessions per week where we hear the children read. Our first session is about decoding, our second session focuses on reading with expression, and the third is all about comprehension. After these three sessions your child will bring home a reading book. They will keep this to read at home until it is changed the following week.

English - This half term, Year 1 and 2 are looking at the text 'The Bear and the Piano' by David Litchfield. Reception children are looking at a text called 'How to get your teacher ready for school' by Jane Reagan. Reception children

Maths - We are thinking about Place Value in Year 1 and 2 this half term. Children will recap and build on their previous knowledge about numbers to 20 and beyond. Reception children are thinking about grouping, sorting and matching.

Science - This half term we are thinking about everyday materials. We will also be thinking about bulbs that are local to the UK and their life cycle.

Topics – Year 1 and 2 are learning about where Grindleford is in relation to Derbyshire, England and the UK. Reception are thinking about themselves, what makes them unique and their families. If you could send in a photo of your child as a baby, that would help us to see how they have grown and changed over time. You can email this to

mrsslack@grindlefordprimaryschool.co.uk

RE – Reception children are thinking about belonging and what that means to them. Key Stage One children are thinking about belonging to a faith community.

PSHE - We are thinking about making good relationships with friends.

Art and Design – All about spirals, shapes and patterns

PE – We are learning about ball skills this term, on a Monday and a Friday. Please leave PE kits in school so they are available at all times.

Computing - Computer systems will be looked at with Year 1 and Year 2

Music - We will thinking about the sounds we can hear, and pitch of music.

Forest School is on Monday FOR RECEPTION CHILDREN ONLY this term. Please make sure your child has suitable clothing for this, and a water bottle.

Friday is Show and Tell, please bring things that have been made at home, or are a souvenir or an item that is topic related.

As always, we are about if you have any queries, or you can email us or catch us to make an appointment. mrsslack@grindlefordprimaryschool.co.uk

We are so excited about the new school year and to be working with you all.

Regards,

Mrs Slack (Monday - Thursday), Mrs Farrell (Friday), Mrs Costello (TA) and Mrs Harriss (TA).