

# Welcome to Year 1!

We hope that you've all had a restful summer break and that the children are excited to be back and raring to go! For your information Mrs Peacock will teach on a Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Whitbread on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Miss Fawcett will also be in class at different times. Please feel free to talk to any of us about any questions or concerns you may have.

## What your child needs:

All your child needs with them every day is a coat, reading folder (with books and reading record) and their P.E. kit (this can stay in school for the half term). P.E. kit consists of pumps, black shorts and a white t-shirt. Children have free access to water to drink and continue to receive free fruit at morning break.

## Reading

The children will continue to have two books to read at home. These will be changed on a weekly basis as they were in UFS. The children will benefit greatly from you reading with them at home. Little and often helps keep their interest and maintain concentration! Please sign their reading records so that we know they have read at home.

## Guided Reading

Now the children are in Year 1 they will have a regular Guided Reading session. This is where one of the adults works with a small group of children all reading the same level of books. This book will be different to the books they bring home in their reading folders. Guided reading allows the children to further develop their word reading (using their phonics and building up their fluency) but also their comprehension skills and understanding of what they have read.

## Ourselves

Our main topic this term is Ourselves through which we will cover a number of subjects. We will begin by looking at the children's own history. Please could they bring in 1 (or more) photographs of themselves as a baby/toddler to share with the class. Please send in by the end of next week (16<sup>th</sup> September)! We will also learn about our senses, draw self-portraits, develop our multi-skills in P.E. and learn about creation and thanksgiving in R.E.