

Dear Children,

We are so excited to welcome you into Year One!

It is only five weeks until we will be together and start learning and having fun.



To help you get ready to be a big Year One please can you read as much as you can during the summer - this will be made easier with the libraries opening up again.

Read books with your parents and family. It is really important to read every day and also to be read to. Have bedtime stories, snuggle up with Mummy and Daddy or even Grandma and Grandad, if you can.

Enjoy fabulous stories, go on adventures together and explore new places and people all because of stories and books. Take a photo of you reading a book in an unusual place (on the beach, in the woods, in the park, in a den) I'm sure you can think of other special and unusual places. You can email them us if you like!

We cannot stress how important reading is especially in Year One.

Please can you also keep a diary of your holiday - this can include drawings, photos (if you can print them or get them printed) and writing at least twice a week explaining where you have been, what you have been doing, who you have seen and anything else you want to include. This will make a precious record of your time and keep your handwriting skills going too. **Please bring your diary with you the first week back so we can share all the interesting things you have been up to during your holiday.**

For Maths, please keep practising your counting. Count forwards and backwards. How far can you go? Write some numbers in bubbles in the bath, in chalk on the pavement, in paint, in sand, make them out of playdough or things you find in nature like stones, leaves etc.

Miss Butt will teach you on a Monday and Tuesday. You will already know me from your time in F2, but being in Year One is a little different. My favourite things to do are spending time with family and friends, exploring new places and trying new foods. During the lockdown I have spent most of my time at home, so I am looking forward to going on days out and eating out. I don't have any pets yet, but I am trying to persuade my parents to buy a cat! Wish me luck!

Mrs Shaw will teach you on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. I am Mrs Shaw, I am married to Mr Shaw and we have a daughter called Lucy who is heading towards being two! I am from Nottingham and apart from moving to Birmingham to go to University, I have always lived here. I have an older brother called Nicholas, who is married to Fiona and they have a beautiful cocker spaniel called Tosca. My Mum and Dad live about 15 minutes away from me and they have two gorgeous cocker spaniels called Rosa and Lily. Family is really important to me and I love being so close to mine. I love music and singing, the colours green, blue and purple, the sea, rainbows, reading, history and Cadbury's chocolate especially Wispas!

We really can't wait until we do see you, we are already excited for September!

Stay safe and have a happy holiday.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Shaw and Miss Butt

