



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to Year 1. I hope you have all had a fantastic summer and are all set for the new term.

### **Communication, Language & Literacy**

Daily phonics lessons continue, with children learning new sounds throughout the year. In addition the, the children will be learning key skills in reading and writing. To begin with, children will be using stories with familiar settings and their own experiences as a stimulus for their own writing.

### **Mathematics**

Maths lessons incorporate lots of games and practical puzzles to aid children's understanding of number. The children will be learning to form numbers to 20 correctly, to compare numbers and how to solve problems using counting.

### **Understanding of the World**

We begin the year by learning all about our local area, Cox Green. We will visit the local community centre, shops and park, finding out how these have changed over time as well as creating art work of local buildings and houses to display in our classroom. We also learn all about 'Ourselves' using photographs and pictures. The children identify differences between babies and themselves, explaining how they have changed from a baby to a child.

### **Physical Development**

Children will have opportunities for practical games within our curriculum, however our focussed area this term is Netball, where we will be developing passing, and moving, throwing and catching skills. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit and performance blacks in school every day.

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

We also spend time learning and discussing issues that arise in everyday life, provide children opportunities to see themselves as valued individuals within a community. We encourage everyone to contribute and explore feelings of happiness and excitement, sadness, anxiety and fearfulness.

### **Expressive Arts & Design**

Children will be continuing their specialist music lessons where they focus on rhythm and pulse and understanding a variety of instruments. Whilst studying our local area we will re-create our houses using junk modelling, paint and other media to create our own version of our homes.

### **Homework**

In addition to continued daily phonic homework, the children will be having weekly spellings sent home. Please continue to listen to your children read every day, thanks to all those who have already returned the books given over the summer.

Any queries or questions, please feel free to see me or make an appointment through Mrs Bailey.

Best regards,

*Miss Wetherell and Mr Moore*

Useful websites to broaden your child's learning:

[www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com)

[www.educationcity.com](http://www.educationcity.com)

[www.coolmathgames.com](http://www.coolmathgames.com)

[www.coxgreen.gov.uk](http://www.coxgreen.gov.uk)