



# QUEENSWAY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

## Welcome to Year One

I am writing to introduce the Year One team and explain what we are going to be teaching in Year One.

### Meet the team

Mrs Bibi- Class teacher  
Mrs Thorpe - PPA teacher  
Mrs Page and Mrs Goldner - Teaching Assistants

### Topics

Our topics this term is 'Toys.' The children will be looking at similarities and differences between old and new toys and comparing different types of materials and their uses. If you have any good examples of old toys or photos that we could borrow we would be very grateful and they will be carefully looked after.

### Year One Autumn curriculum

<b>English</b>
We will be covering a range of genres starting with labels, lists and captions. The children will then go on to learn to read and write poetry, stories, instructions and recounts. The children will be focusing on sentence structure and use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.
<b>Mathematics</b>
In Maths we will be focussing on place value, counting reliably to 20 and ordering numbers. Furthermore, we will explore addition, subtraction and money. The children will be using different equipment to support their understanding and a range of mathematical terms to explain their understanding.
<b>Science</b>
The children will look at materials and their properties and uses. They will be able to distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made from. They will also identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock. The children will learn to describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials and compare and group them.
<b>Computing</b>
In computing the children will learn about E-Safety. Also they will explore algorithms and use programmable toys e.g. bee bots.
<b>Art</b>
The children will be doing observational drawings based on toys. They will use this starting point to add texture and shade using pencil. They will look at examples of teddy bear paintings by 'Deborah Jones' and paint their own pictures in a similar style.
<b>Music</b>
The children will learn to recognise the difference between beat and rhythm and will use them to perform. They will also be exploring pitch and using a variety of musical instruments.
<b>Religious Education (RE)</b>
The children will be learning about places of worship and exploring the Christmas story.
<b>Physical Education (PE)</b>
In P.E the children will be focusing on gymnastics, this will be through looking at different methods of movement, using a variation of speeds, levels and directions. They will also be combining this with a range of balances both individual and paired and exploring how apparatus could be used within this.

## History

In History the children will be comparing old and new toys. They will be describing and finding out about old toys by visiting Banbury Museum.

## Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE)

We will be looking at: Being my best and Me and my relationships.

### **Homework**

We really appreciate your help with homework as the work set consolidates the learning that has happened during the week in school. Homework is given in a homework folder on Fridays and is due back into school the following **Thursday** to be checked.

**English**-Children will receive Spelling or phonics homework alternating each week. Spellings will incorporate learning for a test. Please encourage them to look at each word, cover it and practice writing it, then check it. Phonics will incorporate a particular aspect from their weekly phonic lessons.

**Maths** – Children are set one piece of maths homework to consolidate the work we have been doing in class that week.

**Reading**- All children are expected to read for at least 5 minutes each day with an adult.

### **Ways you can help your child at home**

We hope your child will enjoy reading with you at home. We can't emphasise enough the importance of reading with your child. They will choose one book from our class library for you both to share and we will also be sending home reading scheme books. These books will be changed once a week, so it is important that your child brings his/her book bag every day. If your child would like to change their reading book during the week (on a day other than their normal reading day), they can put their book bag into the large box labelled 'Book Bags' in class and a member of staff will then change their book. Please comment or sign the home/school reading diary every time you hear your child read. If your child reads five times a week they also get a sticker to go on their reading reward chart. 5 stickers would mean that they have read 25 times and will then get a certificate presented to them in our Key Stage One Block Assembly.

### **Certificates are awarded as follows:**

25= Bronze

50= Silver

75= Gold

100= Platinum

125= Commended Reader

150= Reading Worm

The children's reading record will be checked in school on a Friday to count their reads for the week; therefore, it is important that parents record ALL reading that is done at home.

### **Barnaby Bear**

Each Friday we will choose a Pupil of the Week. This child will take home Barnaby Bear and his travelling diary for one week. Please help your child to record their week with Barnaby Bear in the diary. This can be a few sentences, photographs or pictures drawn by your child. Barnaby Bear will then need to be returned to school the following Friday for your child to share their experience with the whole class.

### **PE days**

**Outdoor** PE will be on Mondays and **Indoor** P.E will be on Thursday. Your child must not wear any jewellery on these days. Please can you make sure that they have appropriate clothing for PE in school all the time. As it is will be getting colder; warm outside kit is particularly important as we will go out each week unless we have extreme weather.

**Indoor kit:** Navy shorts and plain white T-shirt. Indoor lessons are done in bare feet or plimsolls.

**Outdoor kit:** Plain navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms and plain white T-shirt plus plimsolls/trainers. You can also provide a navy fleece or tracksuit top for cold weather.

**Please ensure that all clothing brought into school is clearly named.**

### **Snack**

In Year 1 the children can bring their own morning snack to school with them. This must be a healthy snack of vegetables or fresh or dried fruit.

### **Forthcoming trips**

Our trip this term will be to Banbury Museum, further information regarding this trip to follow.

### **HELP!!**

If you feel that you have a particular skill or interest, linked to an area that we are studying this term please come in for a chat. If you or you know of anyone that would be interested to offer a helping hand, we would love to hear from you.

If you have any questions, worries or queries about any of the above or other matters please don't hesitate to come and see us.

We look forward to an exciting year!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Bibi  
Class Teachers

