

Welcome to Year One

				
Mrs Brady Reading Lead	Miss Butterworth 1B Class Teacher	Mrs Miller 1CM Class Teacher Monday - Wednesday	Mrs Cairns 1CM Class Teacher Wednesday - Friday	Mrs Gamble Teaching Assistant

We hope that your child has enjoyed their first few days in Year 1 and is feeling happy and settled. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child and working together with you so that we have a very exciting and productive year.

TRANSITION FROM F2 TO YEAR 1

Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from the Foundation Stage to Key Stage One. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in F2. Learning through play will continue to be an important part of the school day, and the children will gradually be eased into more formal learning, as the year goes on, so that they remain motivated, enthused and eager learners. Please don't hesitate to contact any member of the team via phone or email if you have any questions or queries.

P.E.

P.E. for 1B and 1CM for this half term will be on Monday and Friday. Please ensure your child **comes to school in their P.E. kit (white t-shirt with/without logo, plain black shorts or plain black tracksuit bottoms) wearing their school jumper or cardigan.** A pair of comfortable trainers or pumps is essential. Thank you.

HOMEWORK

Reading books will be sent home with your child to do their daily read (5 minutes) at home. **Book bags** will be checked weekly on a given day. We ask for each child to bring their book bag in **everyday** so their Read Write Inc teacher can provide a copy of the storybook they have been reading - there is no set day for this.

In the children's book bag, there will be a book that your child has chosen from our class library. This is a book to share together and not to be independently read. A copy of the children's logins for SeeSaw, Oxford Owl, SumDog and other online learning platforms will be inside the front cover of their reading record.

Mathematics homework will be sent home on Friday, to be returned by Wednesday. Tasks will be explained to the children before being sent home and will usually be related to a concept they have been working on that week. Please spend no more than 10-15 minutes at a time on any given task. If your child is finding it difficult, please do not worry and contact your child's teacher.

SAFETY

The safety of your child is our main priority. If someone different will be picking your child up from school at the end of the day please inform the member of staff at the door in the morning or inform the school office by email or phone. Please do not be offended if we do not let your child go with someone who we are not expecting. A phone call to yourselves will always be made if we are unsure.

WATER BOTTLES

All children require a **named** water bottle in school each day, (in addition to the drink in their lunch box). These will be sent home each night to allow you to clean them and send in fresh water (no juice please). Children do have the opportunity to re-fill them in school if necessary.

JUMPERS AND CARDIGANS

Please make sure that your child's name is clearly written on your child's jumper or cardigan. The children can get upset if they don't know which item is theirs.

MRS BRADY - READING LEAD

My name is Mrs Brady and I am the Reading Leader for Bidston Avenue Primary School. It's my job to get every child to read. Research shows that children who learn to read quickly go on to succeed in school and in life. This year, we will be embedding our new scheme called 'Read Write Inc Phonics'. Some children need extra practice when learning to read, so we will teach these children one-to-one for ten minutes every day - on top of their group lesson. I got to know all of the children last year in F2 and look forward to working with them again. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks

Year 1 Team