**Welcome back**  
A big welcome back to all the pupils in Year 1! It is great to see you all and all of those happy faces as we begin our new term. The teachers have been hard at work preparing for the new term and sorting the Year 1 classrooms to get them ready for the Spring term. This year is a really significant year in school for your child as it is a big transition from EYFS to Key Stage 1. The children will continue with their structured day working from the National Curriculum. They will continue to grow, build their confidence and become more independent learners. They will develop the many skills they have learnt already in the A utumn term. We are aiming to continue for a ‘can do’ attitude from all pupils this term who show respect and are kind to others.

**Welcome to Year 1 Spring Newsletter  
Welcome all parents, carers and children!**

**Communication**Teachers will be opening their classroom doors for a few minutes before school each day at 8:40 to greet the children and will be at the door after school until all children have been dismissed. Please continue to ask any questions you have and feel free to speak to us if you have any queries.

**Curriculum**This term, Year 1 will be focusing on reading, writing and maths in our morning sessions and topic learning in the afternoon. For Phonics learning this year, we will be following the ‘**Read Write Inc**’ scheme. You can access resources and videos to support your child at home on youtube and on the Oxford Owl website (start from set 1 sounds). Phonics clubs and boosters have started for this term already. Please see below the links to some useful phonics websites that will support the learning of phonics at home and the phonics set sounds in the order in which they will be learnt.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo7fbLgY2oA_cFCIg9GdxtQ>   
<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>

We will also be doing maths daily, including maths mastery with your child to develop their skills. Here are some useful sites to use for maths learning at home.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=Year%201%20maths>   
<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/kids-activities/fun-maths-games-and-activities/>

Through topic learning of our foundation subjects such as History, Geography, RE, Art and Music we will be exploring and learning lots of new things.

**History:** We will be learning all about how Manchester has developed over the years. The children will be taken on a journey back in time, to explore Manchester’s sites from when L.S Lowry was alive. They will be focusing on the differences from then to now.

**RE:** We will be looking at what religion is and what it means to people. We will take a specific deep dive into Christianity this term and what is means to be a Christian. We find it extremely important that throughout the children’s time at school they get a chance to cover all religions. So while they are here with us through year 1-6 we will cover each of the 6 main religions.

**Music**: This term the children will be learning a range of different songs, we will be focusing on active listening and appraising.

**Respect:** We will also be doing our WOW curriculum which links to our RESPECT values which we will be referring to daily - Resilience, Empathy, Self- awareness, Positivity, Excellence, Communication and Teamwork! These values will be applied in team missions throughout the first half term. We will need to use all of our values to successfully complete our learning together this year!

**Home Learning:** To help support your child at home, we encourage parents to read with your child at least 3 x per week and sign their reading record diary with a date and signature. Frequent reading will enable your child to increase their language fluency, comprehension skills and reading stamina. Please bring book bags, reading book and reading record diaries every day so the children can read in class. They will also be given a class library book to take home for parents/ carers to read with them for pleasure. Your child will also be coming home with Fridge words; these words are words we have been learning in our vocabulary lesson. Please ask your child the word and see if they can remember the meaning!

**General Information  
Water bottles** – Please send your child in with a reusable water bottle each day with their name clearly labelled. The children have access to these during the morning, lunch and also playtimes. Keeping hydrated is really important. Polite reminder – please only send water in your child’s bottle. Fizzy drinks and strong juice are not allowed as we are a healthy school.   
**Fruit** – During morning playtimes we do have fruit available for every child each day.  
**PE** –**We ask that you please provide your child with a PE kit. This is a white T-shirt and black shorts with either black trainers or pumps.**  
**PE Days:** 1LA Miss Ashworth – Monday PM ; 1CJ Miss Jones -Monday PM ; 1MW– Miss Millership and Miss Wolstenholme – Tuesday PM

**Drop off and collection**   
School starts at 8:40 and the children are expected to line up on the playground outside their classrooms. School ends at 3:15, please ensure you are on time for collection as many of the year 1 teachers and Teaching assistants have booster clubs after school and late pick-ups delay these sessions. If you have more than 1 child in the school, please pick up the younger sibling first as some children can become upset if they are left last.

**Our Year 1 Team   
KS1 lead**- Mrs Wilkinson; **1LA** – Miss Ashworth and Mrs Beaumont; **1MW** – Miss Millership, Miss Wolstenholme and Mrs Ormrod and **1CJ**- Miss Jones and Mrs Mustahzar.

We are really looking forward to continue working with your child this year and hope that they enjoy their time in Year 1 and always try to do their very best ☺.