

Year 1 Welcome Newsletter

September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

We would firstly like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Year 1 team. We see the children's learning journey as a partnership between yourselves, the children and ourselves and we are looking forward to working with you over the next academic year. We are thoroughly pleased with the way the children have settled into their new classes and learning environments and know this will be a great year for them. They have shown us how they are ready to learn and have begun to get to know our expectations and get used to their new routines.

During our first few days we taught the children about being a 'Green Growth Learner' in other words how to have a 'Growth Mind-set'. This is about how we communicate success with our children and support them to value the process of learning over the outcome. As well as to take an active part in their learning rather than expecting us teachers to do the learning for them. Some phrases we will be aiming to use in the classroom are reflected below and may also come in handy when supporting the children with their learning at home e.g. reading a challenging text, completing a new concept on My Maths or learning a tricky spelling.

Fixed Mind-set	Growth Mind-set
I'm not good at this.	I will try a different way.
This is too hard.	This might take a little while to learn.
I give up.	I will keep trying.
I got it wrong.	My mistake can help me to learn.
I am clever at this.	My brain is getting stronger at this.

We would also like to give you a brief overview of our week so you know what the children will need and when.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Class 3 – Miss Cox Class 4 – Mrs Istok	Class 3 – Miss Cox Class 4 – Mrs Istok	Class 3 – Mrs De La Salle Class 4 – Mrs Farrow and Mrs Istok	Class 3 – Mrs De La Salle Class 4 – Mrs Farrow and Mrs Istok	Class 3 – Mrs De La Salle Class 4 – Mrs Farrow and Mrs Istok
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Homework: Will be issued on Tuesday's we ask that tasks are completed and packs are returned every Monday so that new spellings can be issued and sent home.

Reading: Books will be changed every Monday/Tuesday so please ensure that the books are returned and reading records signed by a parent/carer to show that the children have read. This is important for us to be able to keep a log of how frequently the children are reading at home. We will only change books where the reading record has been signed. Discussion about the text is also very important as well as reading the sentences.

P.E.: The children will have their P.E. lessons on a Monday and Tuesday, they will have sessions inside and outside (weather permitting) so please ensure children have appropriate clothing during the colder months e.g. sweatshirt/hoodie and leggings/joggers.

Library: We will visit the library each week on a Thursday (starting from 20th September) so if the children would like to change their books they must return them as only one book is permitted to be borrowed at a time. We allow the children entirely free choice over their library books so if they come home with something above/below their reading capability it has sparked their interest and they will enjoy sharing it with you.

Water Bottles: Please ensure the children have a named water bottle with them at school so they can access water throughout the day. We will send them home on a Friday for a thorough wash, please send them back to school on a Monday.

As always here at Mawsley, we in Year 1 have an open door policy so if you have any questions, concerns or successes that you wish to discuss with us please either pop in to speak with us during drop off/pick up for a quick matter. Or if a longer meeting is required we can find a suitable time before or after the school day to have a more thorough and private discussion. We want the very best for the children so please do not hesitate to contact us with any issues no matter how small they may seem. Children who feel safe and happy make the best learners!

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We are extremely excited to see the progress the children make this year and are really looking forward to making some memorable moments with them during Year 1. We thank you for your continued support.

The Year 1 Team