

Welcome to Year One!

We are very excited for the year ahead! Please find below important information about Year One.



Mrs. Blake and Mrs. Ward

Floppy's Phonics

We continue the Floppy's Phonics program in Year 1. For every new phoneme introduced your child will bring home a new sheet in their Home Phonics Folder. Please support your child to be a successful reader and writer by reinforcing this phoneme with them at home. This will also ensure that they are successful in the phonics screening test.



Reading

We really value the time and support you give hearing your child read daily. Your child will be sent home with a new Reading Diary and two reading books at the beginning of the school year. These must be returned to school daily in their book bags. Reading books will be changed every Monday and Friday but please make sure that the **Reading Diary and books are in book bags EVERY DAY.**

Bookbags

In Year One the children keep their bookbag in their trays. **Please do not send in bulky rucksacks** which do not fit in these trays or on pegs.

INVITATION

Please join us for a 'Meet The Teachers' session on Tuesday 12th September from 2.30pm. This is a great opportunity to ask any questions about Year One and get to know your child's classroom and teachers. See you there!

PAWS



At the beginning of every half-term all Castle Hill pupils from Y1- Y6 receive their PAWS folder. The expectation in Year One is that **one activity from each of the eight dogs is completed every term.**

PAWS is linked to Packtypes. Emotional intelligence or EQ is important to us at Castle Hill. We use the Packtypes tool to help us develop the children's self-awareness.

In Year One we continue to identify and match our behaviours with the Packtype dogs and use our Dojo points to make EQ part of our daily routine. See our school website for more information.

Once an activity is completed the children can keep their PAWS evidence safely in their folders or upload their evidence on Seesaw (see below).

Please ensure the children have their PAWS folders EVERY MONDAY, this helps them practice the skill of meeting deadlines that they need in their further education.



Seesaw

Year 1 will be given an access code to this site to upload PAWS homework evidence too! This will also be checked on a Monday. We use Seesaw as part of our online safety training in Year One and the children enjoy sharing their PAWS work and learning to comment appropriately. You will find your passcode in their PAWS folder. We also use Seesaw to provide you with PAWS support in the first term

P.E

P.E is on Fridays.

Please make sure your child **always has a full P.E. kit in school including trainers and a tracksuit for outdoor activities.**

PLEASE ensure that **all your** child's uniform is clearly labelled (including P.E. kits). Cardigans and jumpers are easily mislaid without names.



Forest School

In Year 1 our class attends Forest school every Monday afternoon.

Our Forest School Leader, Mrs. Lee, leads these sessions in our Castle Hill Wildwood.

Your child will need a named pair of wellies that they can keep in the box in our outdoor classroom for each term.

The children need long sleeved tops, long trousers/joggers and, if the weather is cold, coats, hat and gloves. Please remember this clothing will become dirty. This **kit needs to be brought to school every Monday morning.**

We will send the children home wearing their Forest School Kit and make sure that they carry their uniform home ready for the next day!

We look forward to discussing your child's progress with you at Parents Evening but if you have any concerns or queries the best time to talk to us is after school when we can make an appointment if necessary. Thank you for your support.