

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to St Helen's and a warm welcome to Year One. We are really excited to be part of your child's next stage in their education. We will be continuing the children's learning journey with lots of purposeful play, exploration and more focused learning activities. Miss Phillips has shared lots of information about where your child is in their learning so we are confident your child will flourish in their new class.

### The Year One team

Mrs Kent and I will be sharing the Year One class with the support of Miss Jennings. I will work on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Kent will work on Thursday and Friday. If you need to message us with any important notices please tag both of us into the message on Seesaw to make sure it will reach one of us.

### Seesaw

In Year One the children will continue to use 'Seesaw' to evidence their learning journey. This year we will be teaching the children to upload their own work and reading independently. This will be part of our wider online safety conversations. Login codes will be re-sent by the end of this week just in case any of you may have misplaced yours last year.

### Reading

In order for children to gain a love for reading, daily practise is very much encouraged. By the end of this week, children should all have their school reading books that will match their phonic knowledge. These will be changed when they can read them fluently and answer some comprehension questions. All children have access to our phonic program 'Bug club'. Login details will be sent home this week.

### Home Learning

Home learning will be set on Seesaw every Friday. This will be set next week and will be a simple set of words to learn how to spell and a maths activity using our online maths program 'Mathseeds'. These login details will be sent home this week.

### PE

PE days for the first half term are Thursday afternoon. The children will need to come into school dressed in their PE kits on these days. For safety reasons, please remember that children should remove their earrings.

### Clothing

Please ensure that all clothes are clearly labelled. The children will need labelled wellington boots and puddlesuits to keep in school to enable them to access the outdoor environment in all weathers. Whilst the weather is nice for the next few weeks, please send in a named sunhat and sunscreen applied ready for the day. As mentioned in the parent meeting at the end of term, children no longer need to bring in rucksack. We have very little room in class to store them and the children should be able to get everything they need in their bookbags.

We are all looking forward to teaching your children in Year One. Please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the team if you have any queries or concerns.

Thank you for your continuing support,  
Mrs Brookes, Mrs Kent and Miss Jennings