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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year One! This letter will provide you with some useful information to help your child settle in and enjoy their year ahead. This half term will focus on supporting the children as they readjust to school life and become familiar with the new school rules and procedures. We have had a fantastic start to Year One and I am very excited about the year ahead.

Our topic this half term is **Penguins**. We will be looking at different habitats, hot and cold climates and we will begin to locate countries on a map. Through a range of fiction and non-fiction texts, we will learn about animals and the differences between omnivores, carnivores and herbivores. Our topic book will be **Lost and Found** by Oliver Jeffers. This book will also tie in with our literacy lessons.

Year One Class Team:

Class Teacher: Sinéad

Teaching Assistant: Ellie

Learning Support Assistant: Sarah

We are very lucky at Grasmere to have specialist teachers for Spanish, Art and Music. On Tuesdays, the children will be taught Spanish by Lorena and Art by Barley. On Wednesdays, they will have music lessons with Lisa.

Drop-Off/Pick-Up:

As you will know by now, there have been some changes to the drop-off and pick-up times and procedures.

Here is how the Year One team are managing drop-off and pick-up:

8:45am: Sinéad will be in the classroom to greet children who are dropped off by an older sibling in KS2.

9:00am: Ellie and Sarah will be in the KS2 playground from 9:00am to greet all other Year One children and accompany them to their classroom.

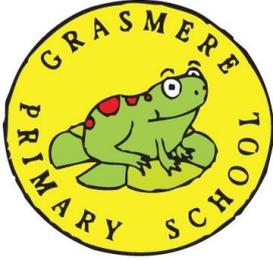


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3:20pm: Collection for all Year 1 children. Sinéad, Ellie and Sarah will wait with the children in the KS2 playground. The children will stay in the line until Sinéad/Ellie/Sarah have identified that their parent/carer has arrived to collect them.

If your child is being collected by another child's parent or a family member, please do either let Ellie or Sarah know in the morning or notify the school by phone or email.

Talking with the Teacher

If you would like to talk to me about any concerns you may have please do let me know during Pick-Up and we can find a suitable time to talk. You can also contact me via the school's email address: info@grasmere.hackney.sch.uk, please include: FAO YEAR ONE SINEAD in the subject line.

Phonics

We will continue to progress through the **Sounds Write** programme and we will have a daily phonics lesson. We will start with revision of the Initial Code and then progress through the Extended Code. Sounds Write readers will be sent home with homework at the end of the week for children to practice their reading at home. Please ensure these are returned on **Tuesdays** to be changed.

Maths

We will progress through the White Rose Maths curriculum which has been adapted this year to accommodate missed learning in Reception due to Covid-19 School Closures. We will be starting with Place Value within 10 and then move on to Addition and Subtraction within 10 by half-term.

Talk for Writing

We will soon begin the Talk for Writing programme which is a highly creative and engaging approach to literacy in the classroom. Through these lessons, children will develop their literacy skills through creative classroom projects and will learn how to develop their writing techniques. KS1 spelling and grammar (SpaG) learning objectives will also be covered in these lessons to provide children with practical ways to develop and apply their knowledge of grammar. Our first book for this term will be **Lost and Found** by Oliver Jeffers.

Homework

Homework will be set on Friday to be returned on the following Tuesday. Each child will also be given a phonics reader and a reading book. Please return both books with your child's homework on Tuesday and they will be replaced. Included in your child's homework pack will be a record book to record their reading progress. Please do fill this out as much as possible as it can really help us to assess your child's reading progress.

Homework will be an important tool this year to support your child's learning and consolidate any missed learning from Reception due to the Covid-19 school closures. You will be notified when we

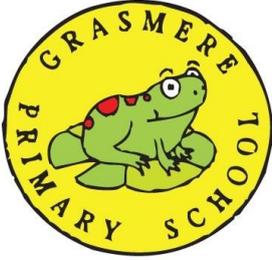


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will start sending Homework for Year One as we are waiting on guidance on how to manage this safely.

Snack Time/Packed Lunches

Our fruit deliveries have now started again so you do not need to provide your child with an additional mid-morning snack. We hope to restart school lunches as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, school packed lunches can be provided for EYFS, Year One and Year Two. There is a daily register for school packed lunches so you do not need to let the school know in advance.

Please note for packed lunches that Grasmere is a **nut-free** and **sesame-free** school. Your child's lunch box should have something savoury (e.g. sandwich, wrap etc) and a healthy snack. Please ensure your child's lunchbox and water bottle are clearly labelled.

PE

We will have our PE sessions on Friday afternoons. Due to current restrictions within the school, we are asking that children only bring one bag to school. Therefore, you do not need to provide your child with an additional PE kit on Fridays but please do ensure they are dressed appropriately for PE lessons.

Daily Mile

In addition to PE, the children will be participating in the 'Daily Mile' programme. We will take time out of the classroom every morning to do some running activities in the playground and then gradually we will build up to running one mile a day. This is a wonderful way to encourage non-competitive physical activity and the children are really enjoying this programme. Please ensure that your child has appropriate footwear to allow them to participate in this activity.

Star of the Week

Star Assemblies will now take place via Zoom. You will be notified in advance if your child will be Star of the Week or if they are receiving a Merit or Grasmere Values Certificate and you will receive a link to the Zoom assembly.

Finally, I'd like to thank you all so much for allowing for a smooth transition as we all adapt to the new school procedures. It has been wonderful to have the school full of children again and we have so far enjoyed a very positive start to Year One.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sinéad and the Year One team



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