



# Ellesmere Primary School

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## Welcome to Year 1

We hope you have had a lovely summer and are looking forward to all the activities we have already planned for this year. This week we will be spending time getting to know each other and using our 'All about me' bags to share what is important to us.

### Subjects

This term, in Maths we will be learning about number and place value up to 100 and counting in multiples of 2's, 5's and 10's as well as developing calculation skills.



In English, we will be learning all about 'My Brother', focusing on writing labels and captions, our outcome is for children to choose a member of their family to label and write captions about.

In Science, we will be learning about animals including humans. Children will be developing their investigative, exploration and observation skills.



In our topic this term we will be developing our skills by learning and researching the Great Fire of London, before children begin to develop their skills further and produce a project on a topic of their choice.

### Homework

In Year 1 all children will receive weekly homework which will include; maths, English and reading. This will be set on a **Monday** and due back in the following **Friday**. It is an expectation that all children complete homework within this timeframe. Homework can be recorded by writing in homework books or sending a picture via Class Dojo.

It is expected that children read at home as often as possible, at least three times a week, and this is to be dated and recorded in their homework diary.

Alongside weekly homework, we will also expect children to use some time at home to support their project work in school.



## **PE and Swimming**

All Year 1 children need to have their PE kit in daily, this needs to include, royal blue shorts, white t-shirt (no logos), sports shoes (black pumps or sensible trainers), Black or grey tracksuit bottoms for winter sports, outdoor royal blue school sweatshirt (current round neck school jumper can be worn), long hair to be tied back and no earrings. Paris and Madrid will be swimming every **Wednesday**.

If your child needs to be excused from swimming due to an illness please send in a written note informing your child's teacher or send a message via Dojo. Children will need fitted trunks or a one piece swimming costume (no bikinis or board shorts), swimming hats for long hair, no earrings to be worn (children are expected to be able to take their own earrings out.).

**Class Dojo-** This year we will be continuing to use Class Dojo, alongside Parent Pay, as the main means of communication between school and parents; sharing activities and upcoming events on the Class Story. If you have not yet received your log in details please come and see us.

**Trips-** We are in the process of organising the trips for this year. We will inform you of dates as soon as possible.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to come a talk to us. We are very excited about the year ahead in Paris and Madrid.

Mrs Davies & Miss Vaughan