St John's Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 1! The children are settling in really quickly and are ready to take on the challenges Year 1 has to offer. We have a lot of exciting activities planned that we hope will engage, inspire and motivate each and every child. We aspire to teach the children in a creative and meaningful way in order to allow the children to grow and develop their sense of confidence and belonging.

The Year 1 staff team is: Miss Walker (class teacher), Mrs Reed (class teacher) and Mrs Channing (LSA). Please do speak to us if you have any concerns, however small you consider them to be.

	First half term	Second half term
English	'Welcome to Alien School' with a focus on sharing our ideas in full sentences before writing them using the sounds we can hear in words.	'Pumpkin Soup' and 'Firework Poems/ Guy Fawkes' with a focus on using interesting vocabulary within our writing.
Maths	Place value (within 10), Addition (within 10) Subtraction (Within 10) Shapes and their properties	
Science	Human Body Seasonal changes	Materials Seasonal Changes
History	My Living Memory Guy Fawkes and The Gun Powder Plot	
Geography		My Local Area
Art	Observational Drawing	Printing
Computing	Moving Around	Digital Painting
PE	Football Badminton	
PSHE	Class Charter myHappymind – Meet your Brain Well being week	myHappymind – Celebrate our strengths
Music	Explore, listen to and evaluate different types of music. Christmas Production	
DT	Cooking with Caring Cooks	
RE	What do Christians believe God is like? (Christianity)	Who do Christians Say Made the World? (Christianity)

As a Rights Respecting School, we will continue to focus on the rights of the child across the curriculum.

P.E Days and Snack

Children need to come to school in their PE kit. Appropriate footwear that the children can do up by themselves is a must, (no shoelaces unless they can be tied independently). **All clothing MUST be clearly labelled**. Items that are not labelled will not be returned if misplaced. Please ensure your child has a healthy snack to eat outside at playtime. If this is in a pot, please ensure the pot is clearly named. Your child will need a named water bottle everyday with water only in please.

Home Learning

Weekly homework will consist of:

- Guided Reading books (one Read **to** Me (phonics) and one Read **with** Me) – sent home Friday and returned on Friday. Please try and read these books/ part of these books every night and record what has been read in your child's reading record.
- Library books- Changed on a Tuesday.
- Maths Journals suggested pages will be highlighted weekly. Books will be sent home on a Tuesday. Please return them on a Monday.
- Spelling homework will begin after October half term.

We don't want homework to become a battle so picking your time carefully to do little and often is best. Any questions or problems with homework then please ask.

Autumn Term Highlights

Caring Cooks cookery session week beginning 30th September
Balance Bikes Sessions Led by Jersey Sport's – November 2026.
Christmas Production- more details of this to be sent in due course.

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We look forward to working with you over this coming year. Kind regards,

Miss S. Walker and Mrs. S. Reed
Year 1 Class Teachers

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Can I take this opportunity to inform you that it may take up to 48 hours for us to reply to your emails, unless your query is urgent. If urgent, please send email to admin@stjohn.sch.je. Responses to emails will be sent between the hours of 8am and 5pm Monday to Friday. Please note that all teaching staff are working with children during the school day and can only respond to emails during non-contact time.