



## Year 1

Withycombe Raleigh C of E Primary School  
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Welcome to Year 1 - Autumn 2022

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all had a fantastic summer break and a well-deserved rest. We have loved welcoming back our new Year One children and seeing the classrooms full of happy, smiling faces! We have a lot of information to share with you in this letter, we ask that you read it carefully and if you have any queries, please contact your child's class teacher via the class email:

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We would like to reassure you that we will be having a careful transition to the National Curriculum. We want to ensure that our children are happy and settled and that their mental well-being is a priority.

Our topic for this term is Road to Royalty and we are very excited to learn about kings and queens, our locality and making our own castles. Please refer to the topic web for more information across the subjects.

### READING

In line with the school guidelines, please continue to read daily with your child. We will be changing books on a Monday and your child will take home 2 reading books per week and a library book which they will choose on a Friday. It is essential that you write in the reading record book when your child has read at home. If we do not see a comment we will assume that the book has not been read. If you have a query regarding your child's reading, please contact us via the class emails, or write it in their reading record book. We are in the process of assessing the children's reading. As we expected, the majority of children are no longer reading at the level perhaps they were during Foundation and we have moved them accordingly. This is nothing to worry about, we expected it to happen and our priority at the moment is to get the children feeling confident again with their decoding and blending. It is vital that the books that we send home are accessible and can be read mostly independently and with fluency (for example, not sounding out every single word and reading with some expression). **Please keep bringing book bags in everyday and refer to the reading letter for further information.**

### SEESAW

Once home learning resumes, we will be using the Seesaw learning platform. These accounts are currently being set and login information will be sent to you in due course. To give the children time to settle and focus on the priority of reading, we do not expect to start home learning until after half term.

### WHAT DOES YOUR CHILD NEED IN SCHOOL?

On PE days the children should come into school in their school PE kits. For Rabbits and Barn owls this will be on a Monday and a Thursday and for Hedgehogs this will be on a Monday and Friday.

The children are allowed access to their water bottle throughout the day and we will top these up if needed. Our school policy is to **only allow water** in these bottles unless there is a medical reason for this not to be the case. Please also name your child's water bottle and bring it in to school every day. We ask really politely that all items of school uniform to be clearly labelled. We always do our best to reunite you with your lost items but this is very difficult to achieve if they are not named, and your help with this would be greatly appreciated!

We are looking forward to a fun and exciting year ahead with the children and we hope you are too!

Regards,  
The Year One Team