

# Welcome to Year One

## Leopards and Tigers

Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome to Year One! We hope you had a fun filled summer holiday! We are really looking forward to welcoming you into Year One and learning lots this year.

As you are aware; Year One is a little different from Reception but we have done lots of work to help make this transition as smooth as possible. Hopefully this booklet will also give you some information and answer some of the questions you may have.

### Class organisation

Leopard and Tiger Class line up on the Key Stage 1 playground outside their classroom doors. In the mornings the children will be welcomed into the classroom and have activities ready to start the day. We are always more than happy to talk to you and answer any questions you may have, however in order for us to settle all the children, this is best done at the end of the day. Anything urgent, please do let us know or write a note. At the end of the day, children will be shown out to their adult. Please let us know of any alternative pick-up arrangements.

We are very lucky to be working with Mrs Burt and Mrs Wilshire this year. They both know the children from Reception and are looking forward to supporting their learning again.



We promote a love for reading in Year One! We are always reading a class text and also try to have a story time everyday. So far, we have already read 'The Leopard's Drum' and 'Augustus and his Smile' because they are about leopards and tigers! We really like sharing good books, especially those that the children bring in.

As in Reception, your child will be given a set day to have their books changed. Children will also regularly read in a group or individually with an adult. Reading at home is expected to happen **AT LEAST 5** times a week and be recorded in their yellow reading records. Every time your child reads at home and it is recorded in their reading records, they will receive a raffle ticket and are entered into our termly prize draw. Once a term, children will be sent home with a selection of tricky words to practice reading and spelling. We will also be learning a selection of rhymes and poems in class. Phonics is an extremely important part of Year One. We do daily sessions in which we revisit known sounds and teach new ones. This is important for both reading and writing skills. We really appreciate any extra phonics practise you can do at home and are always happy to support you with this.

Our Theme learning will now be called Discover and will be more enquiry based, following a learning journey led by the children. Our first enquiry focuses on Science and Geography and our big question is, 'Can you travel from Autumn to Spring?'. We will also be exploring teamwork and the local community, as well as our Christian values for this term: respect, compassion and friendship.

Our PE days will be on a Tuesday and Friday. Please see the next page for details of our PE uniform. PE kit is to be worn to school on PE days.

Christ Church C of E primary School has a compulsory school uniform and expects all of its pupils to wear it for the following reasons:

- It shows that the children are all part of the same community;
- It encourages pride in the school;
- It prevents discrimination and ostentatious affluence;
- It reduces arguments at home about what to wear each day;
- It makes recognition of pupils in public places much easier therefore making the pupils safer.

### **School Uniform**

The school uniform for pupils is as follows:

- Navy blue school sweat shirt or cardigan ;
- White polo shirt or blouse;
- Black or grey trousers, skirts, shorts or pinafores – no leggings or skinny jeans;
- Black shoes or plain black trainers – all logos and trims must be black
- Blue gingham dress (Summer only)
- Dark socks or tights or plain white socks.

*School sweatshirts and cardigans can be purchased from Initially Yours.*

### **School PE Kit**

The children must also have a school PE kit. This is worn instead of uniform on the days which they have PE. This consists of the following:

- **Plain** navy blue hoodie/sweatshirt
- **Plain** T shirt in white or your child's house colour
- **Plain** navy blue tracksuit bottoms
- **Plain** navy blue or black shorts
- Plain trainers
- Earrings should be taped and nail varnish should not be worn

*School PE kit with logo can be purchased from Initially Yours.*