

Parkdale Primary School

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Welcome to Year 1!

We are very excited to welcome your children to our new Continuous Provision in Year 1.

The Year 1 Team is:

Mrs Chalmers – 1 Palm Class Teacher

Miss Harris – 1 Chestnut Class Teacher

Miss Desborough – 1 Palm and 1 Chestnut Class Teacher

Miss Brooks, Ms John, Miss Thomas, Miss Kareer, Miss Baker and Mrs Hutchins – Teaching Assistants

Our theme for Autumn Term in Year 1 is **Me and My Home**. We will teach this as part of our whole school values curriculum: **'A Green, Clean Sustainable World.'** We will be learning all about Nottingham this term with the Project title 'Is Nottingham a Good Place to Live?' Please see the attached curriculum grid for specific areas that we will cover.

We will be sending out an update to Parkdale's approach to homework and will invite you into school in the next few weeks to give more information on how you can support your child with their learning at home.

We will read with your child weekly in school. This will be marked in their reading diaries and books will be changed, if appropriate. We cannot emphasise enough that daily reading at home will have an enormous impact upon your child's progress. It is very helpful to us as teachers to know what the children are reading at home, so please do use the reading diaries to make a note of these. Once your child has completed 10 days of reading at home, they will receive a prize from the treasure box!

Year 1 PE will be on a Monday and Tuesday. Please ensure that any long hair is tied up and that earrings are covered with plasters or removed on these days.

We hope you find this information useful and we look forward to working with you and your child this year.

Should you need to speak to your child's teacher, please ring or email to arrange an appointment.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Chalmers, Miss Desborough and Miss Harris