



# 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 Year 1, and to get to know you and your families. Year 1 feels like a 'big step' into school, and we are happy to support you and answer any questions which you may have. We will continue to use Tapestry to share learning and messages. Please do contact us if you cannot access it. Our welcome meeting will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 3.40pm. Parents Evenings will take place on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **The Year 1 Team are:**

Mrs Rippon – 1 Palm Class Teacher

Miss Harris – 1 Chestnut Class Teacher

In Year 1 we will begin by investigating Homes; finding out about how homes have changed, designing houses and comparing Carlton and Gedling to different places. We will be learning all about Nottingham this term, asking 'Is Nottingham a Good Place to Live?' We are hoping to take a bus trip to a local village and explore the different environment. In the second Autumn term we will be focusing on George's Marvellous Medicine, performance poetry, making our own potions and magical concoctions and hopefully attending a Panto workshop. The attached curriculum web shows the specific areas that we will cover.

We will read with your child weekly in school. As we discussed in our transition meeting, each child will have a 'reading day'. This will be their opportunity to read their book in a small group at 8.25am. We ask that children are in, as often as possible, at 8.25 am, for our reading, mindfulness and wellbeing time. We find this helps them feel settled and ready to learn. We cannot emphasise enough the impact that daily reading at home will have 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!

**1 Palm** key days are

Monday - PE (full PE Kit)

Wednesday – Forest School (wellies and spare socks, can be left in school)

Thursday – PE (full PE Kit)

**1 Chestnut** key days are

Monday - PE (full PE Kit)

Friday – Forest School (wellies and spare socks, can be left in school)

Thursday – PE (full PE Kit)

We hope you find this information useful, and we look forward to working with you and your child this year. If you would like to volunteer to help on any trips, hear children read their books, or spend some time building, creating and playing please let us know!

Thank you

Mrs Rippon and Miss Harris