



**THERE'S
NO
FULL STOP
TO LEARNING**

Year 1 Newsletter – Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year! We hope you had a wonderful summer and that the children are excited to be back. I am really excited about the year ahead and Year One is and always has been my favourite year group! We will be ably supported by Rose and Tsimba.

For the next two to three weeks we will be looking at a book called *Here We Are* by Oliver Jeffers. The book will lead to discussion and work about what makes us happy and how we can learn to get along well with each other. We will also look at how to deal with worry and fears and how to ask for help. We will begin a new topic in October and I will be sending you a full topic map alongside it.

The classroom should feel very familiar to the children and is laid out very much like a Reception class would be. The children will be able to play inside and outside throughout the day. There will also be some together time on the carpet and some small group work which they will be called to complete with an adult.

I do not work at Reay on a Thursday and therefore Nicola Curran, who the children know well, will be taking them for PE and Spanish. The children will also have a second PE slot on Friday mornings with Veronika Andraskova.

There are some changes that have been made to our school lives so that we can do our best to stay safe and mitigate any risks that have been brought about as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

It is important that children arrive at the correct time in the morning in order to avoid mixing with other bubbles. Please help us by being on time.

Parents will not be permitted to enter the school building nor are we having face to face parent meetings at the present time. Please refer to the FAQs sent by the school office for more information on any further changes to the school day.

Another change that you will be aware of is that children are not required to wear a school uniform. Please be aware though that it is still school! Children will be using glue, art supplies, playing outside and going into the school garden as frequently as possible. Be prepared for their clothes and shoes to get a bit messy and do not send them in wearing anything you're not happy for them to play in. Dirt does happen and is a sign that your child has enjoyed their time at school and learnt something.

It would be very helpful for us if you could send your child in every day with their own labelled, full, reusable water bottle. Drinking fountains will not be on and Harrison's won't provide individual use waters with their lunches. We do have school water bottles for their lunches if they forget one of their own. However, it is a very big job to empty, clean and refill those 30 school water bottles every day after school so if each child could bring their own in, take them home to be cleaned and refilled and then sent back the next day that would be a huge help to us.

We will hear children read and change children's reading books on a Tuesday and a Friday. Please can you make sure they bring in their reading books on these days.

Looking forward to working with your children. Please email me with any questions you may have. I will check mail every day after school and get back to you.

**Kind regards,
Jess Edwards**