

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

**We are delighted to welcome the children back to Year 1!** While this year has been a very unusual and difficult time, we are excited to get things back to 'normal' for the children as soon as possible. We will ensure that the children have a smooth transition back into school and are always here for any questions or worries you may have. This term's enquiry title is 'Who is the Magic Toymaker?' We will be spending the first few weeks focussing getting settled into our new classroom and focusing on building communication and language skills. We will begin to discover more about the Magic Toymaker and toys of the past as the term progresses.

### **Morning Routine**

The children will be entering school through their classroom doors in September, meaning that you will be waiting in the KS1 playground at pick up and drop off times. Please could you ensure that children are not playing with the equipment before and after school. We are always available to answer quick questions/queries then but if there is an issue that needs further discussion then please can you arrange a meeting after school or send us an email/message on dojo.

### **PE**

PE will continue to be on set days but we ask you to ensure all children have their PE kit in all week in case other opportunities arise. PE kits will come home at the end of the day on some Fridays. Please can you make sure they are returned by Monday. Our PE sessions will mostly be outside; due to the unpredictable weather please make sure that a sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms are in the bag at all times. To make sure no one misplaces their clothes, can we ask that your child's name is visible on the labels, (including jumpers and cardigans).

### **Reading**

As a class, we will visit the library regularly during the week. Reading is very important so please hear your child read as often as possible; this could be their school books or any reading material you have at home e.g. stories, magazines, puzzles, information books etc. Please record this in their reading records so we can see all their hard work.

### **Homework**

Homework will be sent out at the beginning of term with the due date on the top of the sheet. This will include useful links to websites to practice phonics and maths.

### **Welly walks**

We will be going on weekly welly walks throughout the year, initially on a Tuesday afternoon. As a year group we are looking into purchasing a set of wet weather clothes for the children but as you can imagine these are a big investment. Until we are able to buy these please can we ask that children bring in a change of clothes and a warm waterproof coat.

### **Communication**

As mentioned above we are always available to answer queries before and after school but please phone, email or ClassDojo if you feel the matter requires further discussion. We are here to help your children become the best independent and confident learners that they can be so please do not hesitate to ask any questions, no matter how small!

If you would like to contact via email please send to: [yr123@redoaks.org.uk](mailto:yr123@redoaks.org.uk)

Many thanks,  
Mrs Talmage, Miss Hearn and Mrs Warwick