



Kea Community Primary School

5th September 2017

Dear Year 1 Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year1. We hope the children have had a lovely summer holiday and are ready for their new school year.

Year 1 is an exciting year as the children begin a happy and confident approach to their learning with a good understanding of their school routine. We help them enter this new Key Stage by carrying on with some of the routines they had in the Foundation Class. During this year, the children will learn to become more independent and to think carefully about their own learning.

In literacy, the children will continue to follow the RWInc scheme as well as having plenty of opportunities to read and write in groups and individually every day. Volunteers from Kea Church listen to the children read every week and we are always keen to welcome parents in to hear readers during the last part of the day. Please let us know if you are able to help.

Maths will be taught through the White Rose scheme, with an emphasis on practical application and sound mastery of mathematical concepts. One of the resources we use is Numicon. It is a multi-sensory resource that has proved incredibly successful here at Kea and in many other Primary schools.

In Year ,1 we launch a new topic every half term through which the children study History, Geography, RE, Art, DT, Music and Computing. Science is taught through an investigative and exploratory approach. PE will be taught by Mr Symmons on Mondays and Mr Cotterill on Wednesdays. Mrs Stone will teach Computing on Wednesday afternoons.

At the start of each half term the children discuss what they already know about the topic and then identify what they would like to find out .We often have an "Entry Point Day" when the children take part in a number of workshops exploring many aspects of their new topic. We vertically group the children so they have the opportunity to work with children in Foundation and Year 2. At the end of each term we often plan an "Outcome Day" which gives the children an opportunity to review and proudly share their learning.

This term we will be learning about "Our Local Area". We will be exploring our school grounds and the surrounding area through treasure hunts and "Bear Hunts". We will be walking to Playing Place, looking at the buildings and land as well as considering ways to improve the playground. We will visit the Post Office to buy stamps and post our own letters. More details will follow. Details of this term's topic and subsequent topics are added to the year 1 website page at the start of each half term.

We are really looking forward to getting to know our new Year 1 children, parents and carers. If you have any queries about the information you have received so far, please don't hesitate to ask.

Thank you,

Mrs Rebecca Olive and the Year1 team