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Dear Year 1 Parents and Carers,

Courage

Our vision, as a Church of England school, is for all of our children to **be courageous!**

Our Year 1 children have made a fantastic start to the year and Key Stage 1. We want them to enjoy the exciting term ahead based around our overall topic of 'There's no place like home'. Occasionally, we need to support some children to be **courageous** as they come into school and join in lessons. If your child is anxious about anything, please do speak to us. In particular, we will not tolerate bullying in any form – so please be courageous and talk to or email us straight away!



We also want to encourage children to be **courageous** in their learning and personal development. This could be starting the recorder, getting ready for PE independently or reading every day.

In Year 1, we really want to encourage children to shine in their learning and to ask for help when needed. With support from home and school, we are sure they will grow in confidence. Children can really start to fly in Year 1!

It's really important that children read every day. Please ensure you (or someone!) listen to them every day. We want children to be **courageously** positive about reading!

Faith, Hope and Love

Our Christian values are not just confined to our times of worship, but permeate all that we do in the curriculum and beyond. For example, this term:

- In geography and history we will be looking at maps and landmarks in Shoreham, including local churches – places of **faith, hope** and **love**.
- In DT we will be making Christmas decorations and in music we will be learning our Christmas songs and thinking about the Christmas story – a story about **faith, hope** and the greatest gift of **love**.
- Through 'zones of regulation' and 'empowerment' we will be thinking in PSHE about how to **love** our neighbour as ourselves. We will also be thinking about differences and similarities between people and how, of course, we can **love** one another.



The Year 1 team want to be **Inspirational, Inclusive** and **Innovative**. We are planning lots of exciting learning opportunities for our children. We want everyone to be part of the team and flourish. We are always thinking about how we can bring new ideas and fun to our lessons! We will ask for help from parents to enable us to be inspirational, inclusive and innovative – so do join us when the opportunity arises. We welcome your support with reading with the children as they prepare for our 'Jingle Bell Rock' concert

Kind regards
Team Year 1



Year One Dolphins News



Autumn Term 2023

Welcome Back

We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are ready to start a new year at school.

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival very soon. More details to follow.

Coming Soon!

There will be a trip to Shoreham this term. More information will be available soon.

OTHER MATTERS

Children in Year 1 would benefit from having a book bag if possible. These can be purchased from the uniform shops listed on the website.

We all need to 'drink to think' and if your child has a named water bottle in class they can have a drink whenever they need to in the day. It is disruptive to their learning if they have to go outside to their lunch boxes during a lesson.

If you have any free time, we would be very grateful if you would come into school to read with your child and some others from the class. Parents usually read first thing in the morning for about 15 minutes. Please let your class teacher know if you can do this ASAP.

Curriculum News

Please find information about what your child will be learning on the curriculum pages of our website.

<https://www.stnicolasmary.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=35>

Home Learning

Reading with your child as often as possible is crucial for their confidence and progress.

If your child is too tired to read in the evenings, why not try in the mornings?

Wish list

We are always on the lookout for resources to support our topics. Our topics this year will be:

- There's no place like home
- On the move
- Knights and Castles

If you have any unwanted toys (large/small), figures, items for role play, information books, etc at home that may help us with these topics we would really appreciate any donations.

PE Kit

Please remember that your child needs to have his or her PE kit in school.

Please ensure all PE kit is named clearly.

Independence

Now the children have settled back into the routines of school please promote their independence and encourage them to gradually take greater responsibility for organising themselves into and out of school.

Making Appointments

If you need to see your child's class teacher for any reason, please feel free to email or phone the school office to arrange this.

Resilience

As a school, we encourage children to undress and dress themselves for P.E. Please encourage your child to do this at home so that they are able to dress/undress with ease at school.