



20th September 2021

Dear Year 1 Families

Welcome to Year 1 – September 2021!

Welcome Back!

The children are settling into their new classrooms really well and we are very impressed with their independence at the door. Fantastic!

Learning:

Please find attached a copy of our learning for this half of the Autumn Term. As you will see we have planned learning opportunities around **'Whizz, Bang, Boom, Superheroes!'**

The children will be involved in deciding on the direction of their learning based on what they already know and what they would like to find out. Please do take the time to talk to your child about this term's Learning Journey and encourage them to record their thoughts in words and/or pictures on the thought bubble sheet accompanying this letter. These are always interesting to see and help to plan our learning together, based around the children's interests.

As part of English, we will be exploring the adventures of **'Nat Fantastic'** and our History focus will look at 'Real Life Superheroes' (more information to follow).

As part of our Design Technology focus, we will be designing and making an item of Superhero clothing (cape, cuffs, etc.), which the children will be able to wear during our **'Superhero Day'** on **Friday 15th October**. On Superhero Day, the children can come dressed as a Superhero; past ideas for Superheroes have included 'Weather Lady', 'Nature Girl' and 'Art Boy'...no special outfits need to be bought. We encourage the children to think about what interests them and how could they show this in an outfit. This will be our 'Fabulous Finish' to the Learning Journey and an opportunity for us to celebrate the first half-term in Year 1.

Reminders

Many of the systems and routines will be similar to Reception – here are a few general reminders...

Independence:

We know that all children were coming into Reception independently and putting their belongings away and are really impressed that they have continued in this way. Brilliant!

Playtime Snacks:

The children may bring in a small piece of fruit, fruit bar or one small sandwich and/or a drink in a disposable container. However, they are provided with school fruit as well.

Water Bottles:

Please provide your child with a **clearly named** water bottle. The children will be encouraged to drink regularly during their time at school. These will be sent home at the end of each day for washing and re-filling.

Physical Education:

The children will be having at least two PE sessions a week, we would like the children to come to school in their PE kits on these days.

Marina: Monday and Wednesday

Lagoon: Monday and Wednesday

Dolphin: Monday and Thursday

Home Reading:

Within the first fortnight your child will bring an appropriate home reading book home. Alongside our daily 'Book Browse' sessions, we will be completing individual reading conferences with each child early this term.

Home Time Arrangements:

Thank you for completing the regular 'pick-ups form' with regular arrangements. If your child is being collected by someone else, please ensure that you let your child's class teacher know. You can do this via an email to the School Office: office@stanford-inf.brighton-hove.sch.uk.

Belongings:

Please ensure that all your child's belongings are **clearly labelled**. We have already got a number of unnamed jumpers and cardigans. Book bags need to be brought daily to school for the child to place in their drawer. Please can children only attach a small key ring to their book bags otherwise they do not fit in their drawers.

Resources:

We would be grateful for any donations of reclaimed materials for putting in our making areas. Particularly adult sized yoghurt pots and bottles of bubbles. Please drop off donations to the School Office, thank you.

Regular Liaison:

Finally, if you wish to discuss your child please make an appointment to see us. Please come and see us immediately if you have any worries or are unsure of anything, however we would ask that you see us when you collect your child, rather than when we are seeing the children in.

Many thanks for your support and we look forward to an enjoyable year.

The Year 1 Team

