



# Temple Guiting Church of England School

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026

## Class 1 Year 1 Parents

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Dear Parents,

We hope you all had an amazing Summer and would like to say how seamlessly the children have settled back into school. They have acted as great role-models to our new Reception children on their first day. Over the coming weeks we will be undertaking some assessments. This is so we can gain a clear picture of what they have retained over the Summer, and what we need to revisit before moving on. A little 'learning loss' is common over the long Summer break.

### Timetable

As we have already explained to many of you, Mrs Rainbow, Mrs Hourihan and I (Mrs Cotton), work closely together and there is an overlap in some subjects where all the Year 1 children are taught together. I will teach the daily phonics lesson to all Year 1 children and continue to manage the guided reading, spellings and assessments. Three afternoons a week the Y1 children in both classes join together and are taught by Mrs Rainbow for the first session of the afternoon, this will be for subjects like science, history and geography. On a Monday afternoon Mrs Hourihan will teach all of the Y1 children R.E. We have shared the teaching this way for the past two years across Key Stage 1 and it has been very successful. They will also join together for P.E. with the sports coaches on a Wednesday and Friday afternoon. We teach our own classes English and mathematics in the mornings. The teaching content is the same across both classes.

### Homework

Homework will begin to come home soon so please keep an eye on your child's bookbag. It will be as follows....

Phonics – Year 1 children will have phonics packs, much like last academic year. These packs will be collected in on a Thursday for the new sounds to be added. For the first 3 weeks of term I will be recapping what was taught in the Summer term. From week 4, Phase 5 sounds will be introduced. These will be more complex alternatives and will take the children longer to grasp. In Year 1 the children will learn many alternatives, so expect the pack to be 'bulging' by the end of the year!

Reading – Guided reading groups will continue as before. The children will receive a book home once a week which they would have read several times with their group in class. Please continue to write in their reading diaries and read for at least 10 minutes four times a week, although a little daily would be fantastic.

Spellings – An overview of words which have been focused on will go home on a Tuesday. These words will be linked to my daily phonics teaching in class. The children will be assessed the following Tuesday on the spelling of the 4 highlighted tricky words on the sheet. The day of the test the children will bring their spelling book home so you can see how they have got on. We ask that you return this the following day to us in their bookbag. This book is not for practicing their spellings in at home.

Maths – Maths books will go home on a Tuesday and the children have one week to complete one double page in their maths book.

### Finally...

All Year 1 planning will be shared on our class page on the website and you will no longer receive topic webs home as you did in Reception. Please remember to check our class page also for photos as I will continue to update it regularly. As always, if you have any questions or concerns then please come and see me, and hopefully I can put your mind at ease.

Kind Regards

Mrs C. Cotton and the Class 1 team