

Dear Parents/Carers of Anning Class,

Welcome to Year One and Anning Class. My name is Jess Adams and I am the Year 1 Class Teacher. I have been working at Brentry Primary School since 2020 and am really looking forward to teaching your child. Miss Millard has been telling me what a wonderful class they are so I am very much looking forward to getting to know them alI. I will be supported by the fabulous Mrs Thomas and Mr Milo. Mrs Steel is the full time TA in year 1, however, she is off at the moment but will be back in year 1 soon. We also have the lovely Mrs Fox and Miss Kane working as 1:1 TA’s.

We will need your support and help this year to ensure your child makes the most progress possible. We will try to keep you informed as much as possible through letters and the Year 1 Class page on the School website but if there is anything you are unsure of please do come and ask and we will try and give you the answer! Also, please do let us know if you have any concerns or problems with your child at school or at home as we will always give support and help if we are informed of these.

There is quite a big jump from Reception to Year 1 and there will eventually be a lot more formal work and less learning through play. We will make it as fun as possible and gradually increase the work so hopefully your child will not notice too much!

By the end of this week we aim to give every child a reading book and reading record book. This will, in most cases, be the same level that they left Potter Class on. I cannot stress enough how important it is to listen to your child read at home regularly. Children who read regularly at home make the most progress. In Anning Class, every time a child reads at home (please record this in their reading record book) they get a tick in their reading record. They get a bronze certificate once they have read 10 times at home, a silver once they’ve read 25 times at home and a gold certificate and a prize once they have read 50 times at home. Please can children bring their reading books in **every** day and they will be given a reading day. When a child needs to change their book, they should pop it in the box at the front of the classroom and we aim to change it by the end of the day.

We will be having a ‘Back to School’ meeting on Thursday 14th September and I will be able to give you more information then but just to let you know our P.E days are Tuesday and Thursday. We will start P.E this week and the children should come into school in their P.E kit this Thursday (5th September), they can stay in it all day. Please could the children bring a labelled water bottle and they can put it by the sink. I am sure many of you have spent money on new uniform during the holidays so please make sure it is all labelled so that it can be returned easily if lost and found.

We are a friendly team and look forward to working with you and your child this year. Please remember to come and talk to us if you have any concerns. Please be aware that it is often difficult to have a long conversation or a confidential discussion as the children are coming into school or going home. If you do need a longer discussion, please contact me and we can arrange a convenient time for both of us.

Best wishes,

Miss Adams.