

# Welcome back to school

We hope that you have had a wonderful summer break and have managed to find some time to rest and relax.

We are looking forward to meeting you all at the **'Meet the Teacher Meeting'** on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 3.45pm or 4.30pm**. Until then here are a few notes to help you and your child settle into Year 1.

**Staff in Y1** – Mrs Bulmer teaches Monday to Thursday; Mr Dyer teaches on a Friday. Miss Amanda is our class 1 teaching assistant Monday to Friday (apart from a Thursday when it will be Miss Hannah)

**Reading books** – Please read with your child regularly, it really will make a huge difference to their reading achievement. When you hear your child read, please write a short comment in their reading record book. In Year 1 we have a 'Reading Reward Beanstalk' your child will climb up the beanstalk every week that they read 3 times or more with you at home. When they reach the top, they will receive a reading certificate and a sticker reward. We will change reading books on Fridays.

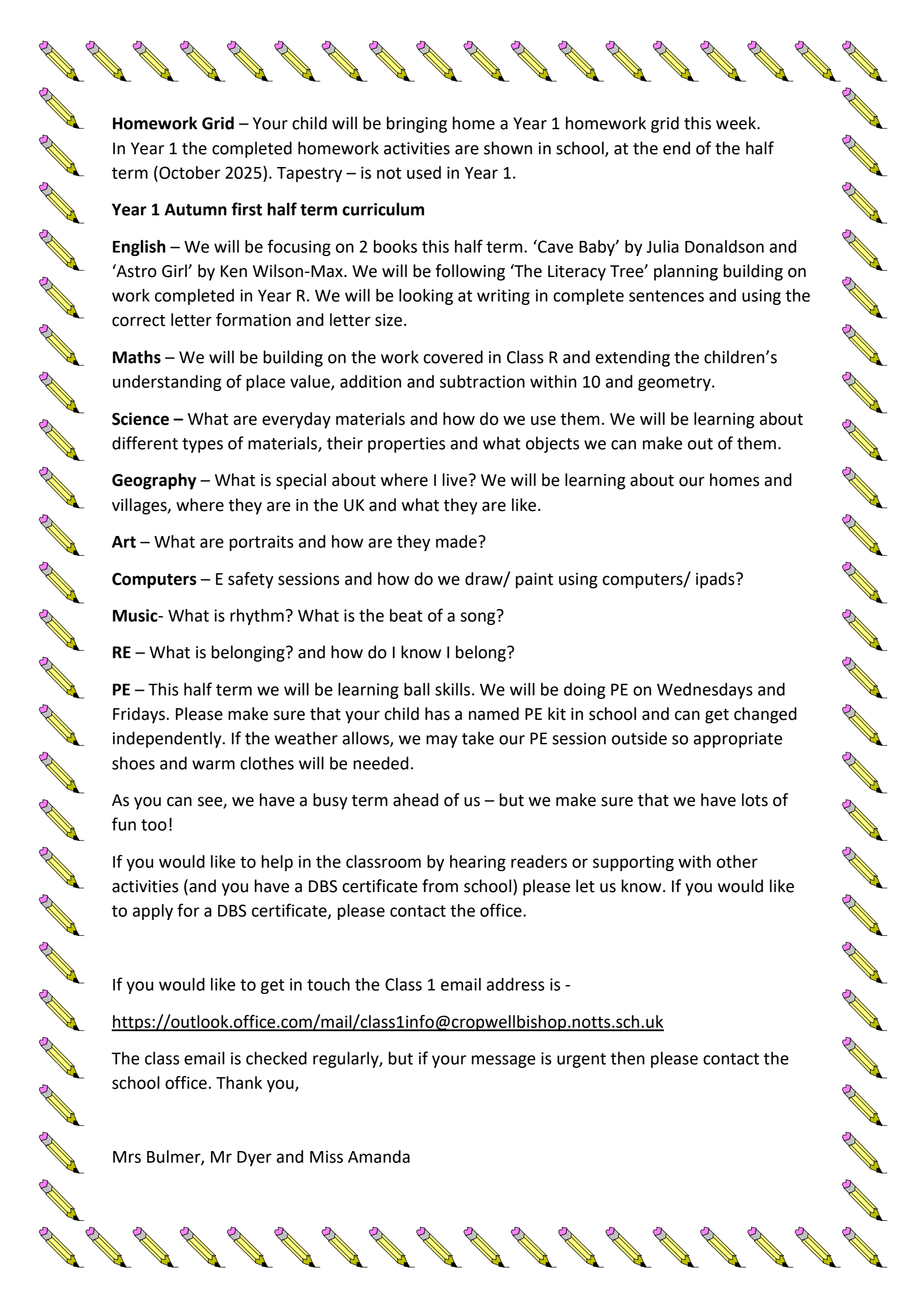
**Phonics** – In Year 1 we will continue our phonic learning with the 'Read Write Inc' phonic programme. The children have been given 'Book Bag Books' to read with you at home. At this stage in the year, we are consolidating their phonic knowledge from Class R, so please don't be surprised if they bring home a book that they have had before. It is very important that the children review and revisit their phonics in these 'Book Bag Books' so they can grow in confidence, fluency and expression when reading.

There will be an introduction meeting to the 'Read Write Inc' phonics programme for parents later this term – more details to follow. However, if you would like to know more how to support your child with their phonics now, please look at the phonics section of our school website.

**Water bottles** – Please remember only water in water bottles. The children will have access to these during the school day.

**Home time** – Please bear with us at the beginning of term whilst we are getting to know you all. The children will line up under the canopy in the Key Stage 1 playground and the first child in the line will be released to their collecting adult.

If your child is going to be collected by **anyone** other than yourself (even if this person is a family member or a child minder) please remember to inform a member of staff either by a note or by contacting the school office. If this will be a regular arrangement, please let us know. This is very important to ensure the safety of your child.



**Homework Grid** – Your child will be bringing home a Year 1 homework grid this week.

In Year 1 the completed homework activities are shown in school, at the end of the half term (October 2025). Tapestry – is not used in Year 1.

**Year 1 Autumn first half term curriculum**

**English** – We will be focusing on 2 books this half term. ‘Cave Baby’ by Julia Donaldson and ‘Astro Girl’ by Ken Wilson-Max. We will be following ‘The Literacy Tree’ planning building on work completed in Year R. We will be looking at writing in complete sentences and using the correct letter formation and letter size.

**Maths** – We will be building on the work covered in Class R and extending the children’s understanding of place value, addition and subtraction within 10 and geometry.

**Science** – What are everyday materials and how do we use them. We will be learning about different types of materials, their properties and what objects we can make out of them.

**Geography** – What is special about where I live? We will be learning about our homes and villages, where they are in the UK and what they are like.

**Art** – What are portraits and how are they made?

**Computers** – E safety sessions and how do we draw/ paint using computers/ ipads?

**Music**- What is rhythm? What is the beat of a song?

**RE** – What is belonging? and how do I know I belong?

**PE** – This half term we will be learning ball skills. We will be doing PE on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please make sure that your child has a named PE kit in school and can get changed independently. If the weather allows, we may take our PE session outside so appropriate shoes and warm clothes will be needed.

As you can see, we have a busy term ahead of us – but we make sure that we have lots of fun too!

If you would like to help in the classroom by hearing readers or supporting with other activities (and you have a DBS certificate from school) please let us know. If you would like to apply for a DBS certificate, please contact the office.

If you would like to get in touch the Class 1 email address is -

<https://outlook.office.com/mail/class1info@cropwellbishop.notts.sch.uk>

The class email is checked regularly, but if your message is urgent then please contact the school office. Thank you,

Mrs Bulmer, Mr Dyer and Miss Amanda