Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year in Year One. I hope that you all had a safe and relaxing Summer holiday. The year 2020 so far has been a very unusual one for everyone and I would just like to say that I am really looking forward to teaching and getting to know all of your amazing children.

As we start our new school year in Year One we will be placing great emphasis on the children’s health, happiness and well-being. That your children feel happy, safe and relaxed in our class family is of the upmost importance to us.

We ask that every day your child brings a water bottle to school so that they can stay hydrated throughout the day. The water bottle will be taken home at the end of each day. Please can you make sure that your child’s belongings are clearly labelled. e.g coat, jumper, water bottle etc.

P.E. will take place on a Wednesday and Friday. We ask that the children come to school in their PE kit which consists of a PE top, a school jumper, tracksuit bottoms and trainers. We are very lucky this year to have Scout-Ed on a Wednesday taking our learning outside. During these Wednesday sessions we will be learning to become more resilient, independent and critical thinkers.

Homework will look a little bit different this year, at the moment due to Covid 19 restrictions reading books will not be sent home and we will continue to follow government guidance on this line. However, there is an excellent free online educational book resource online at <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/> which we ask that you access and read with your child as often as you possibly can.

The Year One team is made up of myself (4 days), Mrs Lackenby (1 day) and Mrs Lamb and we are all delighted to welcome the children back to school

If you have any queries, please feel free to email me on [a.jewitt300@durhamlearning.net](mailto:a.jewitt300@durhamlearning.net) .

Many thanks.

Miss Jewitt and the Year One team