

Dear Year 1 parents/carers,

A warm welcome back and we hope everyone had an enjoyable summer break. We are excited to start this new academic year and hope you and your child enjoys the year ahead with us at Darlinghurst Academy.

Our year group leader in Year 1 is Miss Bernard. Our teaching staff are Miss Adams, Miss Riley and Mrs Peoples. Our support staff are Miss Graham, Mrs Dupuy and Miss Charles. We would like to welcome new children to the year group Scarlett Keys Sayers and Lucie-Mae Williams.

We start the year off with our topic 'Why do we play with different toys as we grow older?' whilst learning all about toys within our connected curriculum. Our curriculum overview map outlines the coverage in detail, which can be found on the website [darlinghurst.uk/curriculum/connected-curriculum](http://darlinghurst.uk/curriculum/connected-curriculum) – please take a look. One of the highlights of this topic will be to visit The Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood. This will further support and enrich the learning within our topic this term.

As part of the broad and balanced curriculum, we will have daily maths, writing and reading/phonics lessons, including discrete sessions on mental maths, grammar, spelling and handwriting. Specialist sessions in PE, Drama, Art and Outdoor Learning are built into our broad and balanced curriculum and we ensure that all of our children have access to specialist provision. PE days will be on Thursdays. **However, children should have their kit in school every day;** this should consist of shorts, t-shirt, plimsolls and jogging bottoms. **Please ensure that all items in the kit are clearly labelled. Earrings must not be worn on days when your child has P.E. Shoulder length/long hair needs to be tied up for P.E. sessions.**

In Year 1 we will be teaching Spanish through our topics during the year and engage in the use of simple greetings and phrases such as; hola, adios, hasta mañana, bien, estupenda/o, si, no and numbers 1 to 20, to enable the children to practise their Spanish in everyday situations – please ask your children to share their new learning with you.

You can follow our learning via News and Views, Twitter and the school website.

We recognise the importance of home learning and encourage all children to practise reading, writing, counting, adding and subtracting numbers to 20, spellings and reading at home frequently in order to develop and rehearse core skills. Homework will be set on a Friday and is due in on the following Thursday.

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher or year group leader via the office, email [missbernard@darlinghurst.co.uk](mailto:missbernard@darlinghurst.co.uk) or in person.

We look forward to a wonderful and exciting year ahead.

Kind regards

The Year 1 Team