



# *St Mary's Catholic Primary School*

*Headteacher: Mrs Helen Armstrong  
Diocese of Plymouth*

## **Parent information notes**

Year 1 Staff:

### Whales

Mrs Eddy

Mrs Churchill (TA)

Mrs Campbell (1:1)

### Sharks

Mrs Lovell

Mrs Chanda (TA)

### Support

Extra packs for phonics and number will be sent home if and when needed.

### Expectations

It's a big jump! Children have gone from learning entirely from play to a mixture of more formal learning and learning through play. This will become more formal as the year progresses.

Children will need to form their letters correctly, with them all sitting on the lines and with the correct lead in and exit strokes.

We focus heavily on capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

The year one common exception words should be spelt correctly. Please see attached list.

In maths the focus is on correct number formation, counting backwards and forwards to 100 from any given number.

Children will also be expected to spell numbers in words by the end of year 1, e.g. 8 – eight.

### Important Information.

- PE on a Monday afternoon and Wednesday morning.
- Please ensure all uniform and PE kit is labelled with your child's name.
- No earrings on PE days.
- Please name all water bottles – water only.
- Homework – out on Thursday – in by Tuesday.
- Spelling Tests on Friday mornings.

- Please encourage independence when changing.
- Please ensure you read all correspondence from the school to ensure you are kept up to date.
- Newsletter sent out weekly.
- We are happy to have a quick chat the end of the day after all children have gone if you have any concerns. For any issues that may require a longer meeting then please arrange a meeting with the office.

## Phonics

- Phonics test at the end of Year 1.
- Phonics information evening - Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup> – 3.15pm.
- Focus on daily reading – bedtime story.
- Phonics sheets in homework books, tick as they know the sounds. They will receive a certificate on completion.