



# **Welcome to Year 1!**

Year 1 is an exciting year for children; a bridge between Early Years teaching and the more formal teaching of Key Stage One and Two. Children thrive during this year and further their independent learning skills and as a teacher it is wonderful to see them flourish. We have lots of exciting topics and experiences planned for the children and cannot wait to get started! We are here for both the children and families and if you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be more than happy to help.

## **Year 1 Staff**

### **Mrs Riley (Class Teacher)**

This is my third year in Year 1 at Burscough Village; prior to this I have taught both Reception and Year 1 at other schools. I am a music specialist and will be running the school the choir and concerts throughout the year – watch out for our Nativity extravaganza! Over the summer, I have created a wonderful setting with fantastic resources that will enable the children to learn, develop independence and resilience and most importantly, have fun! I am extremely excited for the year ahead.

### **Mrs O'Toole (Class Teaching Assistant)**

Mrs O'Toole is an experienced teaching assistant at Burscough Village and has supported children across early years and Key Stage one. It is fantastic to have her on the team as she knows the children well, having already worked with them last year. Mrs O'Toole is very creative and has lots of beautiful ideas that will enhance the Year 1 curriculum perfectly. In Year 1, she will be working with the whole class, small groups and with children 1:1. Mrs O'Toole will cover my PPA time on a Wednesday afternoon where she will teach Art.

### **Mrs Huxtable (Class Teaching Assistant)**

Mrs Huxtable is an experienced teaching assistant at Burscough Village and has supported children across a range of year groups. It is amazing to have Mrs Huxtable on the team; she is a calming presence in the classroom and will always give the children a warm welcome. Mrs Huxtable is extremely experienced in lots of different interventions to help the children progress. She is looking forward to working with small groups and with children 1:1.

# Important Information for Year 1

## PE Days

Year 1 pupils will have PE on **Monday and Friday** afternoons.

Pupils should bring their full PE kit and trainers (please see school website for details) at the start of term and leave it in their locker until the end of the half-term.

If at any point PE kits need to go home for cleaning/after-school PE club etc., please ensure that they return to school the next day.

## Homework

Homework is a valuable way of enhancing your child's learning outside of the classroom as well as helping them to develop their independence and organisational skills.

Year 1 pupils will receive the following homework:

**Reading** – Pupils will change their books every **Friday**. They will receive a **Monster Phonics book** – This is for them to read aloud at home to an adult – this book will be at the children's phonics level and should be read 3 times.

They will also receive a **colour banded book** – this is a shared reading book. There may be words or sounds the children are not familiar with and therefore should be read together.

Lastly they will choose a **library book** – This is for children to enjoy story time at home.

**Maths** – Each week, we will focus on a different Y1 maths key skill and send home possible activities to support this. The children will receive a maths folder to keep their homework in. Homework will be sent out **Friday** and returned the following **Wednesday**.

**Spellings** – Every **Friday** children will receive spellings which they will have to learn ready for a test the following **Friday**. Please practise at home with your child. Alongside this, pupils will work on these spellings during our phonics lessons and when accessing independent learning challenges. **Spelling tests will begin once we feel that the children are ready.**

## Important Dates

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check 2024

June 2024

Having taught the children every afternoon in the last half term, I know they are ready for the next step in their education, and I am really excited to get to know them over the next year and for us to work as a team in supporting your child.

Best regards

Mrs Riley