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# Welcome to Year 1

— Rowan and Birch —

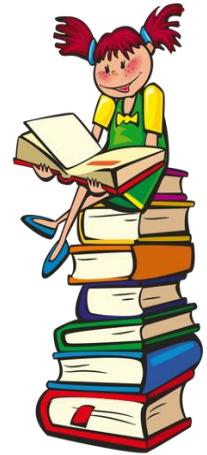
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# Reading

- All children will read once a week individually with an adult and also take part in daily guided reading. Children will read a book based on their phonetic knowledge.
- After Christmas we will be providing the opportunity for the children to take home reading books that aren't part of the scheme that match their reading ability.
- Please do write a comment in your child's reading diary to let us know how they get on at home.
- We will be having weekly visits to the school library, this will be on a Friday afternoon.
- Please ensure you keep you child's reading book in their book bag once you have read with them to avoid losing any books.



# Homework



We have loved seeing the home learning work that was set for Getting to Know you. All future home learning projects can always be found at the bottom of the project overviews. We love to see work from home!

We will be continuing with the 'Time to Talk' books in Year 1.

We also ask that you support your child by practising maths and handwriting when these are set over the holidays.

We do encourage reading with your child at least 3 times a week, it makes such a difference!

If there are any changes to this we will let you know.

# Common Exception Words

- The purpose of common exception words is to develop the children's memory for sight words. Once your child can read the set they have been given by sight please return the slip at the bottom of the letter to receive the next set.
- Revisit and revise – Often the children will revisit earlier sets to ensure they stay in the long term memory. Its important that the children have firm foundations to build on.

# Physical activity



- Our P.E. days are Tuesday and Thursday.
- P.E. is often outside so as the days get colder please make sure they have suitable warm outdoor P.E. clothing.
- Outdoor learning takes place regardless of weather so appropriate clothing for the weather e.g. coats need to be provided.
- We have a no jewellery (including earrings) policy in school.
- Please ensure all clothing is labelled with your child's name!

# Phonics

- We practise phonics daily in school but it is also important to keep up with practise at home in order to consolidate this learning. If you need any resources for this please speak to your class teacher.
- Phonics screening will take place in June 2026.
- Further information and practise papers will be sent later in the year.

# School trips



We are delighted to inform you that this year we are going to have some trips!

For our next project we will be going to QMC to take part in some recycling activities.

We will be going on local walks as part of our Winklebury project.

We are looking into booking a trip to Hillier Gardens in the summer term, but will keep you in the loop with any updates!



# Projects

- Getting to know You – PSHE, Science
- Stanley Saves the Seas – Geography, PSHE
- Fire Fire – History, Art
- Showtime – DT, Science
- Winklebury – History, Geography
- Meet the Author – Computing, Music
- Professor Poppy's Plant Problem – DT, Science

# Thank you

- Thank you for all your continued support!
- If you have any queries regarding this presentation please do not hesitate to contact the office or speak to either Mrs Crane or Miss Tripp. One of us will come back to you as soon as possible. We are more than happy to answer quick or urgent queries via emailing the admin office.