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# Welcome to Year 1

**Rowan** – Miss Gomes, Mrs Fulbrook,  
Miss C Saunders, Miss Aubrey

— **Birch** – Miss Tripp, Mrs Copeland —  
and Miss S Saunders

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**Birch- Miss Tripp**



**Rowan-Miss Gomes**

# Settling in

The children are doing well. They have settled well into the Year One way of doing things. They have already started learning the new routines and are becoming more independent.

Thank you for keeping to prompt times for drop off at 8.40am on the playground and pick up 3.15pm from classroom doors.



# Reading



- All children will read once a week with an adult in school. Children will read a book based on their phonetic knowledge. We encourage a passion for reading.
- Please do write a comment in your child's reading diary to let us know how they get on at home.
- Staff will comment on student's progress and encourage next steps in homework diaries.
- Oxford Owl - We also set virtual books on Oxford Owl where your child can practise their phonetic skills.
- We will be having weekly visits to the school library, this will be on a Thursday.

# 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 number bonds and handwriting when these are set.

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 Thursday and Friday.
- P.E. is carried out 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.

# Phonics Screening

- Phonics screening will take place in June 2025.
- We practise phonics daily in school in order to prepare them for this but it is also important to keep up with homework in order to consolidate this learning.
- 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!

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

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

# Projects

Getting to know You – PSHE, Science

Stanley Saves the Seas – Geography, PSHE

Fire, Fire! – History, Art

A little Bird Told Me – Art, RE

Showtime – DT, Science

Winklebury – History, Geography

Meet the Author – Computing, Music

Professor Poppy's Plant Problem – DT, Science

End of Year – Art, PSHE

# Jigsaw

- We will be starting our new PSHE scheme called Jigsaw, more information will be sent out to parents soon.
- We will cover different topics such as
  - Being Me in My World
  - Celebrating Difference
  - Dreams and Goals



# Missing/lost clothing

As always, please can you make sure that all clothing is named, even PE clothes. We will do our best to ensure all belongings are brought home at the end of each day.

# 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 Miss Gomes 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.