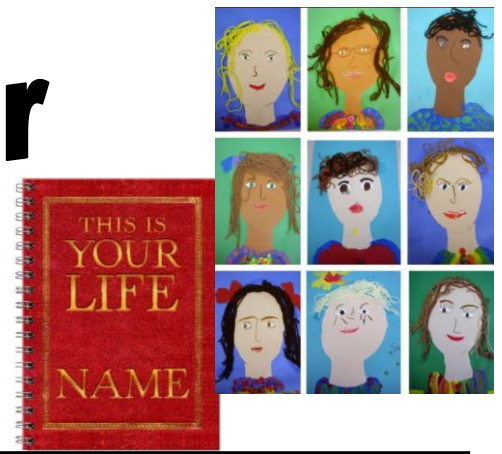


Year 1 Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 1!

We hope that you had a lovely holiday and that the children are feeling refreshed for the new school year! This week we have been getting to know each other and learning about what can be expected in Year 1. We're sure this year will be an exciting and happy year and we hope that your child enjoys the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 1 has to offer.

Our first topic in Year 1 will be 'This is Your Life' where we will look at ourselves and what we want to achieve in this next year. We will complete some self-portraits in Art and get to know each other better by talking about our families and hobbies which will flow into our English topics.

In Year R you would receive a weekly update letter, however in Year 1, for the first half term we will provide a fortnightly update and then you will receive half termly newsletters updates. However, if you have any concerns or something you would like to discuss please don't hesitate to contact your class teacher.

We hope your child will have a very happy time in Year 1 and we are looking forward to meeting you all - please come and introduce yourself if we haven't already met! As you know, Mr Balcombe is on paternity leave and will be back on the 23rd September. Mrs Gomarsall and Mrs James will be sharing the class and helping them settle in until he returns.

We have put together some other information that we hope you will find useful.

Kind regards,
The Year 1 Team

General Information

- By the end of Year 1 your child should know the first 100 high frequency words. These are attached to this letter.
- The reading diaries will be used in the same way as the reading diaries were in Year R. If you read with your child please make a note in the reading diary, if you have a message to write down, please put it in the reading diary and get the child to hand it to the teacher in the morning.
- Children must ensure that they bring a named water bottle into school every day and put it in the coloured boxes provided.
- Our PE days are on a Tuesday and Thursday. Please bring your PE bag on a Monday and take it home on a Friday. This means if there are any last minute swaps the children have their PE bags.
- Please make sure your child is not wearing earrings as this is part of our school policy.
- Show and Tell will take place on Friday. Each colour group will get a turn. Please see the time table on the other page. When it is your child's turn please help them choose something special to show or tell. If it is 'free choice' your child can bring in anything they want to talk about.
- Homework will start once the children have settled in, this is normally midway through the half term.

Correct P.E Uniform

Indoors:

Plimsolls/bare feet, PE logo t-shirt, shorts.

Outdoors:

Trainers, long PE trousers, PE logo t-shirt, and PE logo jumper.

We are a no jewellery school so earrings cannot be worn in school.

Reading Books

There is a reading box where your child will need to put their book when it needs changing. These books need to be put into the box **in the morning**. Please note any books not put in the basket won't be able to be changed. In the next couple of weeks we will decide on changing days and this will be communicated with you.

Thank you!

Transition from Reception to Year 1

Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from the Foundation Stage to Key Stage One. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Year R. Learning through play will continue to be an important part of the school day initially but it will then move onto more formalised 'sit down' learning.

WANTED

We always need newspapers to cover our desks in art. If you have any spare newspapers, please can you send it in with your child. Before sending it in please check the content of the paper is appropriate.

Thank you!



Show and Tell Dates

Topic = Favourite Toy

20th Sept = Blue 27nd Sept = Red 4th Oct = Green
11th Oct = Yellow

Topics = Favourite Book

18th Oct = Blue 25th Oct = Red 8th Nov = Green
15th Nov = Yellow

Topics = Favourite place you've been

22th Nov = Blue 29th Nov = Red 6th Dec = Green
13th Dec = Yellow

Useful Class Dates

Class dates for the half term:

- 24th September (5.30pm) = Yr1 Information Evening
- 22nd and 24th October = Parents work viewing from 3pm - 3.30pm.
- 28th October - 1st November = Half term week
- 20th November - Parents Evening
- 21st November - Parents Evening



Wanted!

As usual we would be grateful for any adult helpers during the week, however if the area is shaded we do not need help at that time. Jobs involve a wide range of things, including: laminating, cutting, sticking work into books, reading with the children, changing reading books, assisting them in the library, etc. If you are really keen to run cooking sessions let us know the afternoon, you're available and we will book the cookery classroom. Please note that we are a team and you may be helping in your child's class or the opposite one - either way you are supporting the children.

We would really appreciate your time and support during the week and if you would like to do this please go to the office to complete a volunteers pack.

Many Thanks,
The Year 1 Team

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00 - 10.30					
11 - 12					
1 - 2.30					
2.30 - 3					

100 High Frequency Words

the	we	mum	get
and	can	one	just
a	are	them	now
to	up	do	came
said	had	me	oh
in	my	down	about
he	her	dad	got
I	what	big	their
of	there	when	people
it	out	it's	your
was	this	see	put
you	have	looked	could
they	went	very	house
on	be	look	old
she	like	don't	too
is	some	come	by
for	not	will	day
at	then	into	made
his	were	back	time
but	go	from	I'm
that	little	children	if
with	as	him	help
all	no	Mr	Mrs
an	saw	off	called
so	make	asked	here