



# Year 1

### Welcome to Year One!

It is going to be an exciting year as we have some fantastic new topics to enjoy! Well done to everyone so far, as our children have settled in beautifully and our classrooms have been busy and cheerful. 😊

We are particularly enjoying our first Science topic investigating the seasons and our first History topic investigating past, present and future and our place in our own history. We are getting used to our more formal way of working in Year One and we are enjoying finding different ways of recording our work!

### The Year One Team

Our Year One team this year:

IH: Mrs Amanda Smith

IW: Miss Nicky Palmer

We also have two Teaching Assistants who will be supporting the year group:

Mrs Claire Nicholson

Mrs Julia Bennett

**Literacy:** Read Write Inc – please keep reading at home using the colour books that we send. Use the prompts in the books to help.

**Writing:** This term will focus on writing a sentence accurately, syllable patterns in poems, settings, instructions and shape poems.

**Numeracy:** In maths we will be working on place value of numbers to 10 and addition and subtraction within 10. We will be counting objects, sorting and recognising numbers as words. We will move on to counting on 1 more and 1 less than a given number. We will explore the vocabulary of less than, greater than and equal to before finally ordering objects and numbers on a number line.

**Science:** In Science we will be looking at the Seasons and thinking about how weather and temperature can change. We will be learning about daylight and how this changes as we move through Autumn, Winter and into Spring and Summer. We will then move on to thinking about animals and where they live, what they eat and why people have pets. We will learn some key words to help us including mammal, offspring, reptile and amphibian.

**History/Geography:** Who am I? This topic provides a study of the recent past, the present and the near future within the context of our children's own world. Children are given opportunities to explore how changes occur over time in relation to themselves, their own families, and the places they and others belong to. They examine their daily family life and how it is the same as and different to previous generations. They investigate their place and other places, their natural – physical, managed and constructed human features, and the activities located in them. They explore daily and seasonal weather patterns. They anticipate near future events such as personal milestones and seasons. The topic places Whitehaven their local town in the context of the wider UK naming and identifying the key characteristics of the four countries.

**R.E.:** We will be learning about the Christian story of Creation and how God wants Christians to protect the world. We will explore why Christians celebrate Christmas and that this is when Jesus was born.

**Art:** We will be creating our own self-portraits and exploring the artist Vincent Van Gogh and Frida Kahlo.

**PSHE:** Children will be learning all about themselves and healthy relationships. In the second half of the term, we will learn about valuing difference.

**Music:** Children will be exploring how to identify the beat, pulse, rhythm and pitch in different pieces of music as well as composing their own music.

**P.E.** Children will focus on the fundamentals of PE eg balancing, running, changing direction, jumping, hopping and skipping. Within net and wall games, children will develop their understanding of attacking and defending principles in net games such as using a ready position to defend their court and placement of a ball into space. They use and develop skills such as throwing, catching, tracking and hitting a ball. They learn how to score points and how to play to the rules.



## Uniform and PE Kit

We are incredibly proud of how smart our Year One children look following the school's uniform policy. The expectations for PE kit can also be found here and this was sent on a Parent mail very recently. For health and safety reasons, we request that long hair is to be tied back in PE lessons and earrings should be removed. If they cannot be removed, then they should be covered with tape.

### PE KIT

PE kit MUST be clearly labelled with your child's name.

A standard PE kit should contain;

- White t-shirt
- Dark shorts/ jogging bottoms/leggings
- trainers
- All hair should be tied back and earrings will be covered if not removed.

### PE DAYS:

Year One PE days are:

Monday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor)

### Happy News!

We are an outstandingly happy school! 😊

Please keep an eye out for our happy 'Praise Postcards' and Star of the Week certificates.

We will also share any exciting Year One news on our school Facebook page.

We look forward to an exciting year ahead with you all, and if there are any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us

## Homework

Your support with home learning is vitally important this year in order to extend and consolidate the work that we do in Year One.

Homework in Year One is sent home each Tuesday. Please check your Parent mail for full information. We have also sent you the slides from our Parent's Meeting which have further information about how homework works on Seesaw in Year One and the expectations we have.

A basic outline is given here:

- Reading each day
- Year One will have five maths questions to complete. These can be completed as a question a day or in one go depending on how you want to complete it with your child.
- Six words- five from the Year One Statutory Word List and one number word.

Please be reminded that the classroom doors open at 8.45am, ready for a prompt and positive start to the school day. Doors are closed at 8.55am.

Kind regards

Year One Team!