

Welcome to Year 1

Hello and Welcome to Year 1! We are all very excited to get to know your children and begin our journey into Year 1 together. It is always a big step moving from reception to Year 1 as there is a lot less learning through play. However, we are sure that the children will rise to the challenge and have fun along the way. We have put together some information that we hope you will find useful. Any questions, please feel free to catch us at drop off or pick up.

Staffing in Year 1

The staff that help us in Year 1 are Mrs Colwill, Mrs Smith, Mrs Dyson, Mrs Henderson, Mrs Haigh and Miss Laws.

Timings

Doors will open at 08:45 and the children will be welcomed into school. Our day ends at 15:30.

Phonics

Every day starts with a 45 minute phonics session, which begins at 9:00. It is really important that the children bring their reading books and diaries into school every day as they will be required during phonics for the children's daily reading activities. Please help us by writing in your child's diary whenever they have read at home. 2 new reading books will be provided for your child every 3 reads in school. In other words, your child will read a new books 3 times in school and then it will be sent home with a book bag book. The book bag book (usually the shiny one) will NOT have been read in school so this is the one to focus on at home, although it would be useful to read the other one too!

Snack Time

The children have a morning break every day and it is during this time that they are encouraged to eat a healthy snack. A piece of fruit will be provided for your child by school, there is usually a choice of at least 2 types of fruit. If you would prefer you can also send a healthy snack into school with your child. The children will no longer have snack time in the afternoons during learning time. If you would like to provide a piece of fruit/small healthy snack to be eaten during afternoon break time that is fine.

Milk and Water

After break the children who have milk will have the opportunity to drink their milk during our story time. If you would like your child to have milk it will need to be ordered and paid for. Children who do not have milk are encouraged to have a drink of water during story time from their water bottle. Water bottles should be brought into school every day please. Children are allowed access to water at several times during the day.

PE

Our PE sessions are on a Monday. PE kits should remain in school for the whole of the half term please. We will get outside whenever possible so please ensure that both an indoor and an outdoor kit is provided, including trainers.

Forest School

Forest School is on a Friday. Please ensure that your child has wellies available to wear. These can be kept in school and stored on our shelves, or brought in weekly. Children should always bring a waterproof coat as we will be going out in all weather!

Homework

Homework will be sent home on a Friday. This will include a spelling activity, a maths activity and reading. The maths activity will be related to the work we have covered that week in school. Please bring homework books back into school for the following Wednesday. Homework will be placed loose into a homework folder alongside your child's homework book. There is no need to glue homework sheets into books but some parents prefer to do this and that is fine 😊. You can expect the children to bring their first homework home on Friday 13th September.