



Year 1 Autumn Newsletter



Class Teacher – Miss F Baird

Learning Assistants:

Miss Buckingham— Monday & Tuesday

Miss Chambers— 1-1 support

Dates for your diary:

13.09.25 Flower & produce show

21.10.25 Parents' Evening

23.10.25 Parents' Evening

24.10.25 INSET DAY - school closed

27—30.10.25—HALF TERM

03.11.25 Return to School - Remembrance Week

21.11.25 Home Learning due in

24.11.25 Home Learning Gallery before school

25.11.25 Home Learning Gallery after school

22.12.22 Last day of term

You will be notified of any date changes & any additional dates with as much notice as possible.

Forest School & P.E

Forest School - Every Wednesday afternoon - Children to come to school in their own clothes and bring their forest school kits with them.

Please make sure the clothes and the bags are named

P.E - Tuesday Morning - children to come to school in their P.E Kits.

Autumn Term Theme

In Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2), we move away from the areas of learning that the children were working in last year into the more traditional subjects of English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, Computing, R.E, Music, P.S.H.E, Art and D.T.

These subjects are taught around an overarching theme which helps children to make connections between different subjects and makes their learning fun. Each theme starts with a 'Sparkly Start' a fun activity to kick-start the topic and ends with a 'Fantastic Finale' to help celebrate our learning.

This term our topic is: If you go down in to the woods today.

Home Learning

With this newsletter, you should have received a pink exercise book. This is your child's Home Learning Book. The list of ideas for tasks are just suggestions but your child can chose to do any task they wish around our autumn themes. They can complete their termly homework in their book or make large models, paintings, posters etc. Deadline 21.11.25. You will be invited into view the whole school gallery



Spelling Spellings will start after October half term and will match the sounds the children are learning in their phonic sessions. More information to follow when the first set of spellings are sent home.

If you need to contact me or have any questions please pop in at the beginning or end of the day or alternatively email me on Baird.f@welearn365.com

~Thank you, Miss Baird

Reading in Year 1 Below is some information about reading in Year 1. Most children will bring home 2 books - a book banded book (with a physical sticker on the spine) and a phonic book. They should be able to decode and read their phonic books with only a little bit of support and encouragement. The book banded book will contain words that they have not met yet in their phonic teaching so this book is to read together. Many children will be able to read parts of this book as well, but will need more support especially with trickier non phonic words. This book is useful for story discussion and exposure to more words and stories. We select the phonic book but they get to choose their own book banded colour book which they have been enjoying. We have a good range of fiction and non-fiction books in both book types.

They can change their books as often as they like by placing their book and reading record in the book changing basket.

Children benefit from reading the same books more than once and it's not a race to get onto the next level! Reading little and often 3 - 4 times a week is better than reading for 45mins in one go. You might only read a few pages a night but have lots of great discussions and have the chance to build up fluency and pace across

Reading Books in Year 1

Your children can change their books when they need to - no set day.

Children need to put their books in the reading basket to be changed. We do remind them especially before and after the weekends.

We will hear them read as often as we can in school. As a more formal day is introduced, reading is everywhere in the curriculum.

Please make sure books and records come to school everyday.



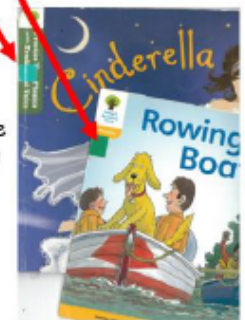
Reading Books in Year 1

Children will be given a phonic book & eventually a book banded book.

They are different!
Book Banded Book - To share Together.

They will be able to read some words but there will be words containing sounds that they have not met in their phonics teaching.

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Reading Books in Year 1

Children will be given a phonic book & eventually a book banded book.

Your child should not meet any sounds that they have not already met in their phonics teaching.

Sounding and blending is a long process some children will need extra support.



Don't forget your child also has access to more books on Phonics Bug. Whenever a new sound is taught in class, a new 'ebook' featuring this sound will be allocated to your child for extra practise. There are also lots of reading and spelling games and quizzes that they can enjoy to support their phonics.

Please remember to check the class page on the school website for information and for digital copies of the newsletter. On the class page there is also a copy of the OPAL Bingo sheet which I will update as items are brought in. Lets see if Year 1 can win. Lets go Year 1 :)

Thank you in advance for all your help.