

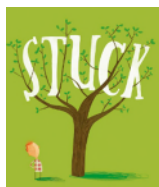
Year 1 Newsletter Term 1

Welcome to Year 1!

We hope you all have had a restful and relaxing summer holiday. We can't wait to welcome your children back to school and into Year One. We have such an exciting year ahead!

We are looking forward to a new term of great learning.

In English for term 1, we will be basing all our learning around the text 'Leaf'. In our first week, we will be busy acting out different parts of the story and writing simple sentences – remembering to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will be continuing to work on our handwriting using a 'lead out' approach, and ensuring that the children write using the correct letter formation.



Every morning in Year One the children will have a phonics lesson. To begin with we will be recapping previous learning from Reception and then we will be introducing new sounds.

In Reading, we are excited to introduce our term 1 'book cannon'. We will be sharing a new text each week during our daily 'Book Talk' lessons. These will help to develop reading fluency, comprehension and a love of books.



In Maths, we will be practising counting forwards and backwards and 1:1 correspondence. We will be investigating the structure of numbers using different resources and using this knowledge to order numbers to 30. We will use number lines to find the number that is 1 more and 1 less than a number to 30.

In Science our first topic is 'Animals including Humans'. We will be identifying and classifying different animal types and investigating the diet of animals.

The children will be having weekly PE lessons which will focus on fundamental movement skills such as throwing, catching and balancing. We will explore these skills in isolation but also combining them as well. We will let you know our PE day in September. The children can wear PE kit to school on this day.

In music, we can't wait to begin our African drumming lessons. These will be weekly lessons on a Monday afternoon taught through the Swindon Music Service. We will be inviting you to a performance later in the year to see the outcome of the children's efforts.

Meet the team!

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Homework will be given out on a Friday and will be due in on the following Wednesday.

Homework for this term will be phonics practise.

Reading records will be sent home for you to annotate and sign. On a Friday, your child will be allocated a reading book to match their phonics level. Please record all reads in the reading record. We ask that children read at least 5 times a week to an adult. The number of reads are counted and then celebrated in assembly. Please note that we can only count a maximum of one read per day.

We look forward to sharing a fantastic term with you all!

The Year 1 team