

Year 1 Term 1 Newsletter

Welcome to Year 1!

We hope you all have a safe, 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 begin 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 practise 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, we will be looking at Animals including Humans. We will be identifying and classifying different animal types and investigating the diet of animals.

The children will have weekly PE lessons which will focus on fundamental movement skills such as throwing, catching and balancing. Please come to school dressed in your PE kit on Mondays.

In music we are can't wait to begin our African drumming lessons. These will be weekly lessons on a Thursday afternoon taught through the Swindon Music Service. We will be inviting you to a performance in Term 3 to see the outcome of the children's efforts.

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 is counted and then celebrated in assembly. Please note that we can only count a maximum of one read per day.

We will invite children to attend a 'Reading Group' three mornings per week. These groups start between 8.15 and 8.30am. They will begin week beginning 8th September. We will let you know the day your child will attend at the end of the first week.

Many thanks for your support! We look forward to sharing a fantastic term with you all!

Meet the team

Please email if there is anything you wish to discuss

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