



Year 1 Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 1! We hope you have all managed to have a well deserved rest over the Summer holidays. We are delighted with all the children as they have settled in so well and it has been lovely to see them enter our classrooms with BIG smiles on their faces. We are very much enjoying working with and getting to know the children and supporting them with the next steps of their learning.

STAFFING

Classes this year are led by Miss Moore and Mrs Ginty with support every day from Mrs Morris, Mrs Chauhan and Mrs Cross. As much as possible any cover will be provided by Mrs Iddon. Any written correspondence needs to be handed into us by your child as we are unable to check bags every day.

AUTUMN TERM

Most of our work done in class this term will link to our school vision of 'Healthy Hearts' and 'Plants'

Throughout or continuous provision, both inside and outside the classroom, we will be developing our fine and gross motor skills through a range of activities with links to our core subjects as much as possible.

As scientists we will be learning about seasonal changes and daily weather. We will also be introducing the children to the different parts of a plant and making comparisons and contrasts between wild and common plants.

As historians we will be introducing the children to changes within living memory. We will be thinking about the toys which they play with today and how they differ from toys from the past.

As geographers we will be learning about the 5 oceans and 7 continents of the world and also the different countries and cities within the UK. We will be using a variety of traditional maps and digital maps to support our learning.

As product designers we will be introducing the children to mechanisms and the children will design and create a moving story book and they will also learn how to evaluate their work.

As artists we will be developing our drawing and painting skills by looking at the formal elements of art including texture and strokes.

MATHEMATICS

We will be covering a wide range of Mathematics this term including lots addition and subtraction facts and place value. The children will use a variety of concrete methods to support their learning including numicon, ten frames, counters and bead strings. We will also be completing weekly arithmetic challenges which will focus on simple additions within 10 and we will also learn number bonds to 10.

ENGLISH

In our English lessons, we will be focusing on reading and grammar skills, based around a range of phonic books.

The children will be taught about sentence structure and punctuation.

PHONICS

We will be teaching Phonics daily, as this is a huge part of Year 1 and is the key to successful reading and writing. We will be recapping the phase 3 sounds, then moving onto phase 5, doing lots of blending and segmenting activities.



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READING

Please hear your child read each evening. We encourage the children to re-read their books to embed their learning and build fluency, word recognition and comprehension. Books should be re-read until children can read them confidently.

Reading books will be collected in on Fridays, along with reading records and new reading books will be given out on Mondays. If your child finishes your book before Friday, they can access Bug Club activities and they can also read their own reading materials from home.

HOME ACTIVITIES

On Fridays Year 1 children will be set homework on the learning platform 'SeeSaw'. One piece of homework will relate to our Topic, English or Maths work. This should be completed and submitted by the following Thursday so that we can discuss it with the children.

We will also set a spelling activity which will relate to the phonics taught that week and sometimes will also contain High Frequency Words. We will test these spellings on the following Friday. We will issue guidance on 'SeeSaw' explaining how you can help your child learn their spellings and other phonic activities you can do with them.

Login details for SeeSaw, Active Learn Bug Club and Purple Mash will remain the same as last year. If you need a copy of these, please let us know.

As reading underpins all learning in school, we also expect daily reading practice during Key Stage 1, even if only for 10 minutes each evening.

PE KITS

PE for Year 1 will take place on Fridays. All children are to arrive at school in a complete PE kit and trainers are allowed to be worn. Your child should have their hair tied back if it is long and they should come into school without earrings on PE days. If earrings cannot be taken out for any reason can you please make sure they bring tape in to cover them up. If it's raining, they may wish to come in normal shoes/boots and put their PE trainers/pumps in their bag.

SNACKS AND DRINKS

School will provide a piece of fruit each day however, children are allowed to bring in a healthy snack to eat during morning play (separate from their packed lunch) Please may we remind you that our school is now a nut and egg free school. We understand that it is difficult with egg products; as it can be in many items we don't realise, but please check the items in your child's packed lunch.

All children need to bring in a plastic bottle containing water to keep in class so that they can drink from it during the day. Please ensure that your child is able to remove the lid themselves to allow us to refill them if needed.

We hope you have found this helpful, if you think there is anything we have missed, please let us know.

Miss Moore and Mrs Ginty