



Welcome to Year 1

Dear Parents/carers,

We hope you have had a lovely time over the summer and we are sure you are now ready to start the new school year, so welcome to Year 1. We are all looking forward to getting to know you all and working together so that we have a very exciting and productive year. We hope that you enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 1 has to offer.

Transition from Reception to Year 1

Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from the Foundation Stage to Key Stage 1. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Reception. Learning through play will continue to be an important part of the school day. The children will then gradually be eased into more formal learning as the year goes on so that they remain motivated, enthused and eager learners. Please don't hesitate to come and see us after school if you have any questions or queries.

Thank you, Miss Saunders, Mrs Hiscox and the Year 1 team.

Reading in Year 1

Your child will be given a reading book and a reading diary to bring home and read. Children will also receive a RWI book. Please can parents/carers share their child's achievements in the diaries. They will also have a self chosen library book. They will need to keep their reading diary and books in their book bag to bring to school **every day**. The children will also have lots of opportunities to read and enjoy books throughout the week at school.

Homework

Homework will be handed out on a weekly basis. We encourage you to work with your child to solve challenges which are Literacy and Numeracy based, these challenges will be linked to what your child has learnt that week. Numeracy will go out on a Tuesday to be returned by Friday and Literacy will go out on a Thursday to be returned on a Tuesday. Each week your child will also have words to learn and spell. These will be tested during the week to ascertain which words your child will need next. Please hear your child read every day.

General Information

- The children in 1S and 1H will be doing PE on a **Tuesday and a Thursday**. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school and that all items are clearly labelled. We encourage the children to practise getting dressed at home to help them get changed quickly at school.
- Any letters or reply slips, which need to be returned can be put in your child's book bag. The children are encouraged to check their bags in the morning and give them in after the register.
- The children will need their own water bottle to keep in class which they can access throughout the day and they will change their water regularly. Please ensure your child's name is written clearly on the water bottle.

Our Autumn Term Year 1 Curriculum

Literacy

The children will be learning to write lists and captions. Through studying different narratives, (including, We're Going on a Bear Hunt, The Tiger Who Came to Tea and The Gruffalo) the children will be re-enacting story sequences of the main events and using phrases from the texts. They will write sentences to tell stories and identify the different characters and settings of stories. The children will continue to practise their letter formations through daily handwriting sessions. The children will have a daily session of Phonics to learn the letter sounds. They will be able to take a book home where they can practise reading, but please make sure their book bags are returned every day. They will also have a free choice library book, which the children have the chance to change in the school library.

Numeracy

In Numeracy we will be following the National Curriculum. The children will:

- learn to read, write and order numbers to 100.
- Represent numbers using objects.
- to compare numbers and know which is greater or less
- to be able to say what is one more or less from any given number
- to subtract small amounts from a larger number
- to be able to name and recognise common 2D and 3D shapes
- to compare different lengths, weights and capacities
- to know their number bonds to 20.

Topic

Our topic is 'The Enchanted Woodland'. They will be looking at different animals and finding out about how to take care of these. We will also be learning about which countries animals come from, including looking at countries in the UK. In Art we will look carefully at animal patterns and use a variety of materials to recreate these. After half term our topic will be 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers'.

Science

Our focus during the first half term will be 'Animals including Humans' we will name body parts, learn about the senses, investigate how we change through age, collect and use data to see differences in each other and animals and understand that living things need food and drink to keep them alive. In the second half term we will be learning all about Materials.

P.E

The children will have two sessions a week. They will be learning skills through team games. Please ensure PE kits are in school and labelled.

R.E

The children will be receiving the Birmingham Agreed Syllabus. We will be talking about our own communities and beliefs and those of others. We will also be celebrating important religious celebrations across the world.