

Autumn Term - Key Stage 1

Year 1



2018

Welcome to Year 1!

We hope you all had a super summer holiday and are ready to begin the adventures of Year 1!

Below is a range of information useful for this term. If you have any queries, please speak to your class teacher at the end of the school day.

Mrs Avenell

Miss Pugh

Miss Sharp

LITERACY

In Year 1, we follow the Power of Reading initiative. The books we will be studying this term are 'The Rainbow Fish', 'Handa's Surprise', 'Owl Babies' and 'The Snail and the Whale'. We ask that you do **not** read these books in advance as there is a lot of predicting that takes place before we settle into a book. It also means we can build up the children's excitement of the texts by not reading them all at once. Please practise reading and spelling the first 100 High Frequency Words and cursive handwriting that were begun in EYFS. In June, the statutory Year 1 phonics test will be taking place. There will be workshops for you to attend to find out how to support your child. Our main focus is to embed the use of full stops, capital letters, finger spaces and cursive writing..

NUMERACY

We will be covering a range of topics including number, measurement, calculation, shape and space, problem solving and reasoning. Our main focuses are recalling the number bonds to 10 and 20, counting up to and back from 100 from any number in 1s, 10s, 2s and 5s, adding and subtracting numbers to 20 using a range of strategies, then using this knowledge to solve number or real life problems. Practising mental addition and subtraction with your child would be very useful.

Science

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Our first science topic will be 'Animals and Humans'. We will be identifying, naming, drawing and labelling basic human body parts and linking these to our senses. We will identify and name birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles and mammals. We will describe, compare, draw and label the structure of animals. We will also start looking at how the seasons change throughout the year.

IPC topics

Let's Celebrate! (History based)

Forest School

This will take place on a Tuesday afternoon, once every three weeks. Please ensure all clothing (including wellies) is clearly labelled and in school.

NEWS

The Transition Phase

The Transition Phase is implemented during the first half of the Autumn Term. This allows the children to experience a smooth transition from Reception to Year One. They have a gradual introduction to more formal Literacy and Numeracy sessions and continue to have the opportunity for structured and free play activities across the curriculum. The teaching and learning continues to be cross-curricular and creatively delivered throughout the year.

Dates for your diary

11th September	Coffee Morning
26th—28th September	Individual Photographs
16th and 18th October	Parent Consultations
11th October	Cross Country
29th October	Inset Day
6th and 7th December	Christmas Performances at 2.15pm
Friday 21st December	End of Term. School finishes at 1.45pm

Homework

Parents are required to date and sign at least 3 times a week that their child has read in the Reading Record. A lengthier comment is required once a week. A child will be allowed to bring in their cuddly reading 'buddy' on a Friday when their reading record has been signed at least 3 times a week. House Points are also allocated for regular reading. A Homework Menu of tasks will be sent out for the children to complete over the term. Homework Books will be collected in on Wednesdays and returned on Fridays. Please see your child's Homework Book for an explanation of how the Homework Menu works.