

Welcome to Year 1

Thank you for supporting your children to make a fantastic start to the first term in Year 1. The children have settled well and are adjusting to new routines. They have been busy learning in the classroom. A range of supportive activities have also been accessed in our outside garden area. We are excited to let you know that in Year 1 we have weekly shared reading sessions. We would like to welcome parents into our classrooms every week starting **Tuesday 13th October through to Tuesday 17th November at 2.50pm** for a shared reading session to promote reading for enjoyment, we hope you can join us. You will be able to enter school via the main office and then through the library to get to the 1B and 1FD classrooms.



Maths

This term we will be focusing on reading, writing, and counting with numbers to 10. The children will explore how ten can be made through adding two parts, known as 'part-part whole'. They will use resources to represent numbers and calculate addition and subtraction number sentences within 10 before moving on to within 20.

Later in the term we will learn about 2D, and 3D shapes investigating them in practical



English

This term we have planned lots of exciting English activities which focus on making a strong start with writing sentences. We will also be learning how to write poems and reading and writing about a book called 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon.

After half-term, we will be reading 'Where the wild things are' and 'Storm whale'. We will be exploring stories with a familiar setting before the children write their own versions independently. They will write instructions to accompany a craft project.



History, Geography, Science

In History we are learning about toys, now and in the past: the children will learn about how toys have changed over time. In Geography they will explore the continents of the world and investigate the differences between various parts of the world by naming features, landmarks and cultural activity. In science the children start learning about the four seasons and noticing the changes in the weather. After half term the children will learn about everyday materials by learning how to identify, describe and classify them. In addition to this, the children will have the opportunity to carry out simple investigations exploring the physical properties of a material. **The children will continue to have access to outdoor learning opportunities whether it is a way of enhancing our curriculum in science and PSHE or just having a 'green' space for working, which is important for an individual's well-being.**

Equipment

Please could you ensure that your child has the following equipment, clearly named, in school:

- Book bag.
- Indoor and outdoor P.E. kit. Socks and ear tape for earrings.
- An apron in a named carrier bag. Please ensure that it has sleeves and fits your child over their uniform.
- A named bottle, with water in it, to keep in the classroom.

P.E. and Games

Outdoor P.E. will be taught on a Wednesday for both year 1 classes.

The indoor P.E. will be taught on a Friday.

Please ensure your child brings in a named P.E. kit including some warm kit for outside. We also ask that earrings are preferably not worn these days and long hair is tied back.

Homework

Reading- Books are selected to provide practice of the phonics they have already learned in class. Reading at home is vital: it provides the opportunity for children to cement their learning, and this improves confidence and enjoyment of reading. Please note in your child's diary when they have read with you and feel free to make any other notes that you think may be helpful.

Numbots- Your child will have an individual password for Numbots on which they can carry out fun activities to develop their mathematical understanding. **Bug Club-** Your child will have a bug club login where they will be able to read and interact with levelled books.

Bingo Homework – Your child will receive a homework book soon with several different activities known as Bingo Homework. Your child may choose a number of these to complete by the end of **each half term** - we would love to see the imaginative ways your child has completed the activities. The children then can share their homework with their peers in a class sharing session. **The first half homework will be due on Wednesday 21st October.**



We are here to help!

If you have any concerns, worries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher as soon as these arise.

The best way to do this is to speak to the teacher at the end of the school day (please only pass on urgent messages in the morning). Alternatively, you can contact the front office, and they will get a message to us to contact you.

We need your help.

There are a variety of ways that we could use your help, particularly **changing reading books on a Monday and Friday** and reading with individuals. If you have any spare time to help on a regular basis, please speak to your child's class teacher. Regular volunteers will be required to have a DBS check and undertake training provided by the school.