

Welcome to Year 1.



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 looking forward to getting to know you 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 One. 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, and the children will 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 contact school if you have any questions or queries.

Reading in Year 1

Your child will be given a new book and a reading diary to bring home. They will need to keep their reading diary and book in their book bags to bring to school every day. The children will also have lots of opportunities to read and enjoy books throughout the week at school and at home.

Home learning

The children will be given weekly spellings that we will work on throughout the week. Please encourage your child to practice spelling and writing these words. Attached is the topic web for Autumn term and a recommended book list for Year 1. If your child wants to continue their learning at home, please bring either the work or photographs in to school so it can be shared with the rest of the class.

General Reminders...

- The children will be doing PE on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school and that all items are clearly labelled. We encourage children to practise getting dressed at home to help them get changed quickly in 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 them each morning and give things in after the register.
- The children need to bring their own water bottle to keep in class which they can access throughout the day. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle.

This half-term we are learning about:

Autumn 1: Marvellous Me!

English: Instructions, autobiographies and narrative writing.

Maths: Number, place value, number (addition and subtraction), geometry (shape).

Science: Animals including Humans.

Geography: On our Doorstep (our local area and landmarks).

DT: Using mechanisms.

Computing: We are TV Chefs.

RE: What does it mean to belong to a faith community?

Music: Exploring sounds using our bodies.

PE: Coordination and Balance.

PSHE: Safety First.

Next half-term we will be learning about:

Autumn 2: Once Upon a Story...

English: Narrative (traditional tale story writing), Poetry (Jack and the Beanstalk list poem), Persuasion (Character descriptions).

Maths: Place value, number (number facts, addition and subtraction), shape (3D shapes), measure (time), number (fractions).

Science: Everyday Materials.

Geography: The United Kingdom.

Art: Exploring mood and emotion (pastels and painting skills).

Computing: We are Digital Artists.

Music: Beat and exploring different sounds.

RE: Who is a Christian and what do they believe?

PE: Balance on a line and stance.

PSHE: TEAM

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to everything this year has to offer.

Mrs Monks and Ms Shenton