

# Welcome to Year 1

I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday and are ready for another exciting year. I can't wait to hear all the stories that the children have to share. I am looking forward to teaching your child throughout this upcoming school year and hope your child will approach it with smiles, enthusiasm and excitement. This year, we will enjoy many exciting experiences and build on the excellent experiences in Class R. We develop early reading skills every day, and expand phonic knowledge and the ability to apply it in early writing, from day one. We will focus on accurate counting up and down to 100 every day, and will concentrate on number formation and number composition to 10, then 20 in depth. I have outlined the teaching for the half term below. Throughout this year, the children will continue to grow as an independent learner and I hope to have your continued support.

**Here is some important information regarding the general outline of the school week and the expectations of the children.**

## **Physical Education**

PE lessons this year will be on Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning. Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit (including trainers) in school for these days. If desired, they can leave their kit in school until you want them to take it to be washed. All PE kit must be labelled.

## **Spellings and timetables**

Spellings for the following week will be stuck in your child's book weekly on a Friday. Children will need to practise the spellings, the rule and a selection of tricky words, ready for their test the following Friday. They are expected to learn spelling patterns and rules in order to encourage independence in their writing.

**Spelling books are a school book and must be treated with care.**

## **Homework**

As well as your spellings that must be practiced each week, your child will also receive some maths and phonics homework in their homework book that must also be completed each week. The homework books will be collected in and marked on a Thursday, before being returned to the children with their next week's homework on the Friday. Each half term, your child will also receive a sheet with lots of different practical and writing tasks relating to the topic. These are to be completed at a time that is convenient for you and will run through the entire half term. These can be brought in at any time to be shared with the class.

**Homework books are a school book.** They must be treated with respect and come back each week in a good condition. Any activities in your spelling or homework books should be completed in pencil.

## **Reading Records**

Please help to foster a love of reading by encouraging your child to read at home. Reading records need to be signed at least 3 times a week and must be brought in every day. Children who read three times or more in a week will receive a stamp in their reading card. The loss of a reading record comes at the cost of £2.

## **Uniform**

The school policy requires children to come dressed smartly in school uniform every day. If you are unsure what this entails, please see our website. Please ensure that all uniform is labelled so items of clothing can be easily identified.

Please also send a **named water bottle** every day and if we should be blessed with more great weather, a **named sun hat** and **named sun cream** (spray and roll on being preferred).

	<h2>Autumn 1 Marvellous Me</h2>
	<p><u><b>Literacy</b></u> Labels and captions writing Autobiography - Me, Myself and I Report - Old Toys</p> <p><u><b>Mathematics</b></u> Number - Place Value within 10</p> <p><u><b>Science</b></u> Animals Including Humans</p> <p><u><b>Other</b></u></p> <p><u><b>History</b></u> - Toys Throughout Time</p> <p><u><b>Music</b></u> - Animals - Explore rhythm and pitch patterns</p> <p><u><b>ICT</b></u> - We are treasure hunters- What is an algorithm? Beebots</p> <p><u><b>Design Technology</b></u> - Fabric Faces</p> <p><u><b>Religious Education</b></u> - Who is Christian and What Do They Believe?</p> <p><u><b>PE</b></u> - Coordination and static balance / Running and Jumping</p> <p><u><b>PSHE</b></u> - TEAM</p>

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

I look forward to an exciting year!

Many thanks,  
Miss Blakeley.