

Year 1 Curriculum letter - Autumn

September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Year 1!

We hope you have all had a lovely summer and we are glad to see all of the children back in school, ready to work and enjoy their time in Year 1. This year Miss Surety will be our Teaching Assistant. This term Mr Street will be teaching the children Music in the afternoon every Thursday and Game On will be teaching the children P.E. once a week and I will be delivering the other session.

As we begin the year we are aware that some of the children are anxious about returning to school. It is always a big step when the children move from Reception (Early Years Foundation Stage) into Year 1 (Key Stage 1) and we always aim to make this transition as smooth as possible. This term the children will continue to access Child Initiated Learning (CIL) opportunities at different points throughout the day, whilst also following the National Curriculum. Throughout the year we will gradually decrease the amount of CIL time the children have. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please contact me by email or phone through the office.

Our School Day

This term our school day will commence at **8:40am** and finish at **3:15pm**. Please ensure that you are prompt when dropping off and picking up your child to allow them to have a smooth start and end to their school day.

We will be having Break and Snack time at 10:45 each day. The school provides snack for children in Year 1.

Lunch time will be at 12, the children will eat their lunch in the hall or outside before playing outside. Children who are bringing a packed lunch from home may bring it in a sensibly sized lunch box.

Our Topics

English

This term we will be looking at stories with repeating language, labels and captions and also poetry. We will continue to work on letter formation and using capital letters and full stops.

Mathematics

We will be covering number formation, positional language and exploring numbers to 10 and 20. We will be working on strategies that can be used to solve simple addition and subtraction problems.

Phonics

We will continue using our RWI programme to deliver phonic sessions. We will continue developing strategies for decoding words and begin working towards learning to read 'alien words' ready for our phonics screening towards the end of the academic year.

PE

Physical Education is an essential part of the curriculum and we will have these sessions on a Wednesday and Thursday. **Please ensure your child arrives at school on those days wearing their P.E. kit**, as children will be unable to change at school. If your child is not wearing their P.E. kit, they will just take part wearing their school uniform.

Please ensure that ALL items of clothing are labelled with your child's name. If clothing is not labelled we may be unable to return it to you.

Reading Books and Homework

Reading books will be changed on a Thursday. Please aim to hear your child read at least three times a week and record every time you read in the reading log. The RWI paper books will be changed by your child's RWI teacher when they finish that particular book in class. This can vary from every 3-5 days. Therefore, please can children bring their entire reading folder to school every day. We will visit the library on Mondays, so please ensure your child has their book in school so they can change it.

Maths homework will be set every Thursday and will be due in on Tuesday. This will alternate between being an online task using the website www.maths.co.uk or a task to be completed in a maths homework book. This will be set via Google classroom.

We hope this gives you an outline of the plans for the autumn term in Year 1. We are sure the children will all have a successful and happy year. If you have any questions or would like some further information, please do not hesitate to call or email the office.

Best wishes,

Mrs Emily Drane
Class Teacher