



Meet the teacher

Year 1

September 2024

MRS DRANE AND MISS SURETY

Welcome to Year 1

- ▶ Hello and welcome to Year 1.
- ▶ We are so excited to be back at school with the children after a long break. We hope the children are looking forward to their time in Year 1.

Other Staff

- ▶ Mr Street – Music
- ▶ Game On Coaches - PE

Our School Day

- ▶ For Year 1, the school day starts at **8:40am (children need to now be in school by 845)** and finishes at **3:15pm**

Please ensure you are prompt for both drop off and pick up, to allow your child to have a smooth start and end to their day.

Year 1 Topics

- ▶ **English** – During the Autumn term we will be looking at stories with repeating language, reciting poems and non-fiction writing.
- ▶ **Mathematics** – This term we will be covering number formation, positional language, exploring numbers to 10 and 20 and 2D/3D shape.
- ▶ **Phonics**– We will be continuing to follow the RWI programme. We will also begin learning to decode 'Alien Words' ready for the phonics screening towards the end of the academic year.

Year 1 Topics

- ▶ **Science** – We will learning about The Body. We will be thinking about which parts of the body are used for different things and linking parts of the body to the five senses.
- ▶ **Geography** – Our topic is 'Where do I Live?'. We will be learning to name the seven continents of the world, locating the UK on a world map and thinking about our local area.
- ▶ **Computing** – This is taught weekly

Child Initiated Learning (CIL)

- ▶ In Year 1 the children will continue to have access CIL throughout the day.
- ▶ As the year progresses the amount of CIL gradually decreases.
- ▶ At school the children often refer to CIL as 'choosing time', as this is when they are able to choose their own learning.

Snack

- ▶ The school provides healthy snacks for children in Year 1.
- ▶ In Year 1 children take their snacks outside with them.
- ▶ Milk will continue to be available for those who would like it.

Lunch

- ▶ Children eat lunch in the hall or outside.
- ▶ Children bringing a packed lunch may bring a sensibly sized lunch box.

Lunch/Snack Policies

- ▶ We are a healthy school
 - ▶ We are a nut free school
 - ▶ We are a seed free school
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- ▶ Please ensure that any food items brought into school comply with our policies.

Spare Clothes

- ▶ If you know your child sometimes has toilet accidents at school and would like to provide spare clothing for them, please send into school in a named bag. This can then be kept in school and used if needed.
- ▶ If your child borrows any clothing from school please return it to school, clean as soon as possible.
- ▶ Please continue to encourage your child to dress themselves at home. T

PE

- ▶ This half term we will have PE lessons on **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. On these days, children should come into school wearing their PE kit and will wear this all day.
- ▶ PE will be outside as much as possible, please ensure your child has suitable clothing to be outside.

Name labels

Please where possible, try to ensure that anything sent into school throughout the year is clearly labelled with your child's name. Including:

- ▶ Clothing (school uniform, PE kits, shoes, coats, etc.)
- ▶ Lunch boxes
- ▶ Water bottles

Reading Books

- ▶ Reading is an important part of Year 1, we want to develop the children's love of reading.
- ▶ Books will be changed on Thursdays but need to be in school every day as the paper copies of the RWI guided reading books will be changed every 3-5 days.

Homework

- ▶ We would like you to hear your child read at least three times a week, alongside any activities they may be set from RWI.
- ▶ Maths will be set every Thursday and due in for Tuesday. It will alternate between being set online through a website www.maths.co.uk and a written task which your child will complete in book. This will also be posted on Google classroom. You will be given a log on for maths.co.uk.
- ▶ You should have your child's username and password for Google Classroom, if you have any problems using the website let us know and we will be happy to help.

Behaviour

- ▶ Potten End uses a positive and therapeutic approach to behaviour.
- ▶ Levels of different types of behaviour.
- ▶ Level 2-Miss Ford or Mrs Hall until the end of the lesson.
- ▶ Level 3-Mrs Kennedy usually until the end of the day.

Thank you and Welcome to Year 1

- ▶ If you have any questions or concerns about anything please let me know.
- ▶ You can contact me through the office by email or phone and I will get back to you as soon as possible.