

Welcome to Year One!

Year One Curriculum Newsletter - September 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. I hope you have had a lovely time over the summer holidays. My name is Miss Bottomley and I will be your child's Year One class teacher. The Year One team consists of myself, Miss Sladdin and Mrs Pierce. We are all looking forward to working with your children.

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.

Below you will find some of the topics we will be exploring over the Autumn Term.

	Autumn 1
Theme (Science, History/Geography, Art/DT/Music)	We Are All Animals - Science based topic
English	Fiction - Owl Babies and The Tiger Who Came for Tea Non-fiction - Labels, lists and captions Poetry - Animal Poems
Maths	Place Value within 10 Addition within 10
Computing	E-Safety
RE	Which books and stories are special?
PSHE	What is the same and different about us?
PE	Ball skills
Ongoing theme	Observe seasonal change - Summer/Autumn How do seasons impact on what we do?

PE

PE will take place on a Wednesday morning and will be delivered by Miss Parker, who is our new PE teacher from Sports UK. Please ensure your child comes wearing their full kit on a Wednesday. Their PE kit should consist of a white T-shirt, navy or black shorts or tracksuit bottoms and black pumps or trainers. In addition, long hair should be tied back, and earrings should be taped or removed for safety purposes. Please ensure every item of both your child's uniform and PE kit is labelled with their name, so that if anything is misplaced, it can be easily returned to the correct child.

Water Bottles/Coats

We recommend that children bring in their water bottles daily so that they can access them. If your child brings a packed lunch, if they can please bring an additional water bottle. In Year One the children have three playtimes throughout the day, and we also will continue to use our outdoor learning area. We have been fortunate with the weather this week. However, please can you ensure that your child has a suitable coat as we approach the colder months. Please check that your child's name is written clearly on all of their belongings.

Homework

Homework will be given on a Friday. This term it will consist of English, Maths and Phonic. If this can please be completed and returned by Tuesday, the following week.



Spellings

By the end of Year 1, every child must be able to sight read and spell all the 'Year 1 common exception words' which we have attached to this newsletter. Every week we will focus on three of these words and each Monday we will send them home for the children to practise spelling. On the Thursday there will be a small spelling test.

Reading

In Year 1 we will continue to use the reading records that you will be familiar with from Reception. Both reading books to your children and listening to them read are incredibly beneficial for their education. Please indicate in their reading records when they have read so that we can keep a record and so that we can update their reward bookmark.



End of the school day

At the end of the school day the children will line up in the outdoor area to be dismissed to their parent/carer. They must wait until a member of staff has called their name before leaving. Please do not call for your child as we must know who they have left school with. If someone different is to collect your child from school, please contact the office beforehand so that the teacher can be made aware.

Craft Area

Our craft area is always in need of small cardboard boxes for junk modelling. If you have any recycling, we would be very grateful to receive it. Nothing bigger than a cardboard teabag box though please.



If you have any questions or queries about anything mentioned above, please do not hesitate to speak to any of the Year One Team.

Many thanks,

Miss Bottomley, Miss Sladdin and Mrs Pierce