



Welcome to Year 1!



Dear and Family,

I hope you have had a lovely time over the summer and I am sure you are now ready to start the new school year, so welcome to Year 1!
I am looking forward to getting to know you and working together so that we have a very exciting and productive year. I 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 come and see me either before or after school if you have any questions or queries.

Reading in Year 1

Your child has been given a new reading diary and book. They can change their book as often as you want. You will need to remind them to place their books in the red reading box, so that we can help them to change them. They will need to keep their reading diary and books in their book bags to bring to school every day.

They have also been given a book mark with some tricky words on them. Please can you help your child to learn to read these words. They also need to be able to spell them when writing.



General Reminders...

- The children will be doing **PE on 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! Please can you remove your child's earrings on a Thursday.
- The children need to have a water bottle in school which they can access throughout the day and they will change their water regularly. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle (The children were given one last year, which were then sent home at the end of summer. However you might need to replace these).
- Homework will be sent home on a Monday and will be due in the following Monday. The homework will either be literacy, numeracy or topic, based on work that is relevant to our learning. It is important to encourage your child to complete the homework as independently as possible however some work will require working together.
- The children will continue to choose a library book and a maths game to bring home on alternate weeks. If you are able to help co-ordinate this one afternoon each week then please come and see me.

Thank you for your continued support
Mrs T Wood