



Welcome to Year 1!



Dear Children and Parents,

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. We will be running an information session about the Phonic screening later in the term.

Mrs.Oakes

Reading in Year 1...

Children will have their reading books changed twice a week on a Monday and a Thursday. Books will not be changed unless an adult has signed their reading diary to say the book has been finished. Library books will also be changed once a week.



This half term we will be focusing on a topic based around animals, the zoo and jungles. The children will be developing their writing skills as well as learning and practising their phonics. We will be becoming ace mathematicians and super scientists together.

On Tuesday afternoons the children will be taught by Mrs Berry, who is very excited to be working with the class.

Homework

Homework will be sent home on a Friday and needs to be returned on a Thursday. This will be a mixture of activities, spellings and phonics practice.

General Reminders...

- The children will be doing **PE** on **Mondays** and **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!
- Any letters or reply slips, which need to be returned, can be put in your child's book bag or handed directly to me. The children are encouraged to check them each morning and give things in during morning work.
- The children will need their own water bottle to keep in class which they can access throughout the day. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle.