



# Welcome to Year 1!



Dear Children and Parents,

I hope you have enjoyed the lovely weather over the summer and are ready to start the new school year. I am looking forward to getting to know all of the children and working together with you. I can't wait to share with you all of the exciting things that we are going to explore!

## 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 last couple of years have been different for them all and I will be working really hard to support all of the children as we settle into Year 1. 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. We will have lots of fun!

Mrs.Oakes

## Reading in Year 1...

Children will have their reading books changed twice a week, on a Monday and a Thursday. Please make sure you sign their reading diaries to show that they have read. We will be continuing to give them certificates for reading at home.



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 become ace mathematicians and super scientists together. Each half term there will be an overview of the topic so that you know what we will be doing.

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

## Homework

In a few weeks, I will start to send some homework home on a Friday and will collect it in on a Thursday. This will be a mixture of activities, spellings and phonics practice. This will all start very gradually and when we do have spellings the children will have an informal test in the back of their homework books on a Thursday. Please do not worry about this, I will make it as fun as possible!

## General Information...

- The children will be doing **PE** on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**, although it is a good idea to leave PE kit in school all the time as we often use it outside or have extra sessions. Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled.
- We will go in the woods on a Friday so please send your child in with appropriate clothing for the weather.
- Any letters or reply slips, which need to be returned, can be put in your child's book bag. We will encourage the children to hand things to us but will also check their bookbags.
- 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. The children can also bring a snack but again, please make sure it is named.
- Please can the children have a pair of wellies and a named apron in school.