



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 after a very 'different' summer term. 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. This year has 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

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 I will send home 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 couple of 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 Reminders...

- The children will be doing **PE** on **Tuesdays** 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.
- 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 filled 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.
- Please can the children have a pair of wellies and a named apron in school.