



Welcome to Year 1!

Mrs Shirley and Mrs Lindon are looking forward to working with you and your child this year. This year we will have the following Teaching Assistants helping us; Mrs Partridge, Mrs Sinclair-Bailie, Miss Burton and Mrs Dhokia. If you wish to discuss anything about your child please feel free to ask any of us after school once the children have been collected.

Reading

It is still important that you listen to your child read regularly. Research has shown if children are heard for at least 10 minutes every day they will become very successful and fluent readers. Discussion of the text is just as essential as word reading. Please sign the new half term reading diary as this will allow the children to be awarded reading certificates. We will be checking each Friday. We will count how **days** you have read with your child (1 read per day).

Gold: 42 reads, Silver: 35, Bronze: 25

Reading books and diaries will be given out week 2. Please can children change their books on arrival in the morning when needed.

Creative Curriculum

Here is a list of all of the topics we will cover in Year 1 this year:

Autumn 1: Traditional Tales

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Autumn 2: Festivals and Celebrations

Spring 1: Victorians

Spring 2: London

Summer 1: Wild Things

Summer 2: Under the Sea



This Half Term

This half term our **creative curriculum** theme is called 'Traditional Tales'. This will focus on retelling and sequencing well known traditional tales. We will be looking a little more closely at the following tales, The Magic Porridge Pot and The Town and the Country Mouse, as well as many more. Throughout this topic we will be linking **Geography** by exploring the differences between urban and rural environments.

In **Science** we will be looking and the Human body and healthy eating.

Homework: In your child's homework book you will see a bingo square with different activities on. Your child needs to complete at least one activity per week. This is due in on Wednesday and we will return the books on Friday.

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Classroom Routines

Children will be starting to do an early morning activity; we would like the children to start to come into the classroom on their own to encourage independence. Thursday mornings you will have an opportunity to share a book with your child if you wish.

Each class has a whiteboard for parents to inform us if a different person (from the information given) is going to collect at the end of the day.

Parent helpers

If anybody would like to volunteer to help within the class please see your child's teacher.

To be able to volunteer you will need to have an up to date DBS check-please see office for further details, this includes any school trips.

Last year we created a sensory garden in our area, if you would like to help the children maintain and further develop this area please see you child's teacher.

Reminders



Please ensure a **named PE kit** is in school on Mondays and Fridays and that all jewellery is removed on these days. As you know the weather at this time of year can be very changeable therefore please can you ensure your child has a **named waterproof coat** at school every day, we do go out to play rain or shine.

Now that you child is 5 they are no longer entitled to free milk, however milk is still available to order through the co-op, please see office for more details.

Class assemblies:

Fireflies: Thursday 20th October

Bumblebees: Thursday 3rd November