



Welcome to Year 1!

Mrs Dymond, Mrs Curtis and Mrs Lindon are looking forward to working with you and your child this year. This year we will have the following Class Teaching Assistants helping us: Mrs Sutton, Mrs Sinclair-Bailie. 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 really important to listen to your child read regularly. Research has shown if children are heard for at least 10 minutes every day they will become successful and fluent readers. Please remember that talking about what they have read and answering questions during their reading is just as essential as word reading.

This year we will be looking for star readers at the end of every half term. Please encourage your child to write about their reading in their journals and ensure that their journals are in school every day.

Please sign the new reading journals every time your child reads. (This can be a comic, recipe, books from home or library. A wide range is recommended not just books from school).

Unfortunately there will be a slight delay in reading journals coming home due to a supplier problem.

Creative Curriculum

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

Autumn 1: Fairy Tales

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 'Fairy Tales'.

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

If you would like to know more about what we are covering within the curriculum you will find a topic overview on the school website.

Homework: When you receive your 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.

Just like they did in Reception, your child will be brushing their teeth at the end of every lunch time. They have been provided with a toothbrush and hygiene cap.

Spelling: We will be introducing a new spelling scheme called 'Head Start Spelling'. Mrs Shirley will be running an information afternoon on Thursday 13th September at 2:45pm in the hall.

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Year 1's Newsletter

In the morning

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. Well done to those who have already started to do this. ☺

Each class has a place by the door for parents to inform us if a different person (from the information given) is going to collect at the end of the day. Please can you write down who will be collecting for that particular day if there is a change.

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.

We would like the children to continue having a book from the school library if you have any free time to volunteer for this job please could you talk to your class teacher.

Reminders



Please ensure a **named PE kit** is in school on Mondays and Fridays and that all jewellery is removed on these days. We would like to go outside weather permitting so please can you include track suit bottoms and top or jumper and trainers.

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 your child is 5 they are no longer entitled to free milk, however milk is still available to order through ww.coolmilk.com, more information is on our website.

Diary Dates:

Friday 28th October: Macmillan Coffee afternoon (After school in the hall)

Thursday 4th October: Fireflies class assembly

Thursday 11th October: Harvest Assembly

Friday 12th October: AFF Family Disco

Monday 22nd October: Parent's Evening 3.30-6.00pm

Wednesday 24th October: Parent's Evening 5.00-7.30pm

Monday 29th October- Friday 2nd November: Half Term