

Year 1 Parent Information

11.09.20

Welcome to Year 1

Welcome back to another busy school year. Your children have made a great start to Year 1 and are beginning to become familiar with the routines. The following information should help you support them over the coming year and answer any questions you may have.

In Year One, the class teacher will be responsible for teaching all subjects, however, they will be supported by a number of other teachers and teaching assistants throughout the year. The teaching assistants are deployed across the year group and will be responsible for teaching smaller intervention groups.

Phonics

Your children will have a statutory phonics screening test at the end of the year where they will be expected to read 40 unknown words so, please read with your child as often as you can. Websites such as phonics play and oxford owls are great to support extra home reading.

Playtimes

Children have a 15 minute playtime in the morning, and a 30 minute playtime at lunchtime, after they have finished eating. During first play, children are offered a piece of fruit, however they can choose to bring in a piece of fruit from home instead. Please make sure your child brings in a named coat.

Children are encouraged to bring a drink to school everyday- these bottles must be clearly labelled. The children will keep them with them throughout the day.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks,
Mrs Gill,, Mrs Keane, Mrs Felton
Mrs Leedham, Mrs Hassett, Mrs Flynn and Miss Mills.

Reading

The children in Year 1 will be using their reading diaries to record when an adult at home has listened to them read. It is important that this book is in school every day. Your child's book will only be changed once the diary is signed. You may read the book a few times with your child. As in previous years, each child will be expected to read every evening with an adult for at least 15 minutes. Books will be changed **twice a week**, once at the start of the week and once at the end, ready for the weekend. Please try to continue reading as much as possible, a great website to use is the Oxford Owls website, <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Children will read at school in a variety of ways, 1-1, whole class and guided reading. Your child's reading is continually assessed throughout the year and moved on when deemed appropriate.

Homework

Rapid recall:

All children will be working their way through mental arithmetic skills 2 times a week that will support their fluency and recall in mathematical concepts. In order to ensure children continually make progress, all sheets will be sent home when completed to enable the children to celebrate their success with you and for you to support any skills that may be more challenging to your child.

Spellings:

The children will be given a maximum of 8 spellings each week. Spellings are tested on a Wednesday and new spellings are given on the same day. This will not start straight away in September. A letter will be sent out to parents in the Autumn term explaining more about this.

We really appreciate your support with the three key areas listed above and together we can ensure that all children are reaching their full potential. Occasionally your child may have to do some research at home to support the learning taking place in school and be asked to produce what they have found out in a variety of ways. We will always give you plenty of notice when we send these mini research projects home

PE days

Children have P.E. twice a week (Thursdays and Friday's.) Children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kit; If your child has medium length or long hair, please make sure it is tied back. Also, please provide tape if your child has pierced ears as earrings need to be covered in PE lessons. P.E on a Thursday will be on a 2 week rolling programme. 1KF will begin on the 24th September and the following week will be 1G on the 1st October.