

Year 1 Team

We hope that you have a great summer and are looking forward to your new class and teacher.

Vice Principal: Miss Belle

Miss Gill (Year Team Leader) - Class 1HG

Miss Cuddy- Class 1CC

Miss Tomasz- Class 1GT

Mrs Jama - Class 1SJ

Miss Brown- Class 1SB

Miss Squires - HLTA



A big welcome to Year 1!

We hope that your child had a fantastic day meeting their new teacher. We know the excellent behaviour and positive attitudes the teachers have seen today will continue throughout year 1. Each class has a YOYOB chart which will be used daily and a stamp given in the diary for good choices and behaviour. Please monitor this at home and praise your child for stamps they receive. At the end of the term, there will be prizes for those who have collected a certain number of stamps for good behaviour!

Attendance

Each child should come to school every day to improve their learning and to help develop their life skills. In **year 1, we expect 100% attendance from each child**. This is especially important and last year we managed to raise our attendance by a significant amount. **Each day the attendance is checked**, and if any of the year 1 classes has had 100% for the week, then all the children in that class will be rewarded with a non school uniform day!

Topics in Autumn

Literacy: Toys and Animals (reading a variety of different stories and poems, starting to write basic stories and recounts) and Fairy tales.

Maths: Number, Shape, Addition and Subtraction, Money, Length and Weight.

Science: Animals including humans and Seasonal Changes.

History: Toys and The Gunpowder Plot.

Art/DT: Making a fruit salad and clay diva lamps.

Computing: E-safety and typing skills.

PE: Gymnastics.

Opening Minds: Coping with Change, diversity, feelings and reactions and self-management will be the competencies which we will focus on. These are important to help the children with the change from reception to key stage 1.

Please research some of these over the summer with your child to help prepare them for Year 1.

Year 1 Expectations

Phonics Screening: All year 1 children across the country will be sitting the Phonics Screening check in June. We will be sending home material and guidance throughout the year so that you can help support your child with this.

Homework: Literacy and Numeracy homework will be **given out every Thursday** and must be **returned by Tuesday**. If your child is struggling to complete their homework at home, they will be able to join a homework club which will take place during school time. The children will have the opportunity to complete their homework with the support of an adult.

Reading: Each child is expected to read for at least 10minutes every day. **If your child has not read and their reading log is not signed daily, then they will attend a reading catch up session in school.**

Please support us and your child by ensuring the tasks above are completed so that the children enhance their learning and do not have to miss out on some of their play and reward times to complete them.

Find out more about year 1 expectations at the welcome meeting in September.



Education and Punctuality

School begins at 8.45 for soft start activities. During this time the children have the opportunity to **check their next steps, finish any uncompleted work, practise their targets and spellings** and so on. Children should be in their classroom by 8.55 to ensure they can access the early morning learning. At 9 o'clock the register is taken and the first lesson begins please ensure that your child is on time everyday so that their learning and progress is not affected.

Welcome Meeting

The Welcome Meeting for Year 1 will be held on **Wednesday 5th July** after school (3.40pm), in the key stage 1 hall. During this meeting, you will have the opportunity to meet the Year 1 team, find out what topics Year 1 will be learning about and ask any questions that you might have.

We look forward to seeing you all there!